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College to Explore Partnership with Turkish University

President Ettling Travels to Turkey, Signs Memorandum of Understanding

What do SUNY Plattsburgh and Sakarya University in Turkey have in common? The two institutions now have an agreement to explore establishing dual diploma programs in business, computer science, economics and hotel, restaurant and tourism management.

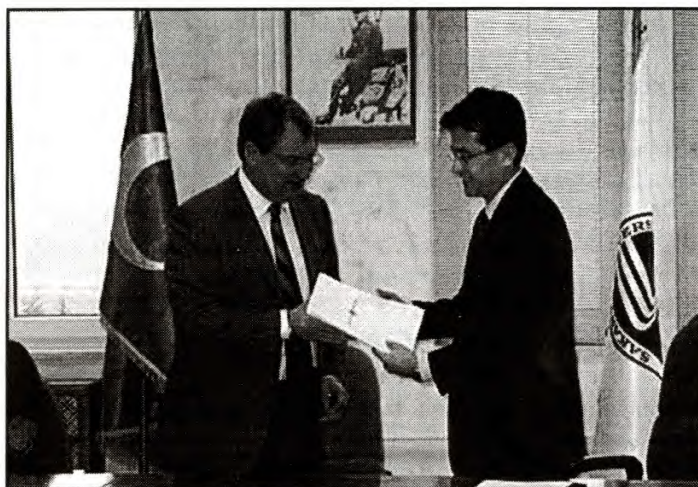
President John Ettling and his wife, Lisa Lewis, recently traveled to Turkey where Ettling and Dr. Mehmet Durman, rector of Sakarya University, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two institutions.

"We have agreed to further explore the possibility of a dual diploma program," said Ettling. "We're still a long way from that goal, but there is a possibility of students from Sakarya coming to Plattsburgh as soon as next fall."

The relationship between SUNY Plattsburgh and Sakarya came about after Robert Gosende, SUNY associate vice chancellor for International Programs, asked President Ettling to consider the possibility of SUNY Plattsburgh partnering with an institution of higher education in Turkey to create dual diploma programs.

Several other SUNY campuses, including Cortland, New Paltz and the Fashion Institute of Technology, have started exploring dual diploma programs with similar institutions in Turkey.

The dual degree program would involve undergraduate



Dr. Ettling and Dr. Durman shake hands after signing the MOU between SUNY Plattsburgh and Sakarya University.

students from Sakarya spending part of their time on the SUNY Plattsburgh campus. At graduation, they would receive a degree from both Sakarya and SUNY Plattsburgh.

"We need to take a look at our courses and see how they

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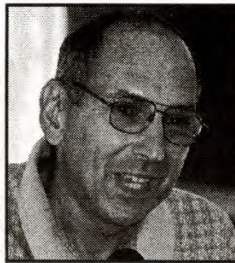
David Levy to Receive SUNY Honorary Degree

He is known as the "comet hunter" and is perhaps one of the most well known astronomers of all time. David Levy will receive the honorary Doctor of Science degree from the State University of New York during the Spring Commencement Ceremony at SUNY Plattsburgh on Saturday, May 14.

Levy is one of the most successful comet discoverers in history. He has discovered some 21 comets, eight of them using his own backyard telescopes. With Eugene and Carolyn Shoemaker at the Palomar Observatory in California, Levy co-

discovered Shoemaker-Levy 9, the comet that collided with Jupiter in 1994. That episode produced the most spectacular explosions ever witnessed in the solar system. Levy is currently involved with the Jarnac Comet Survey, which is based at the Jarnac Observatory in Vail, Arizona.

"David Levy's achievements in astronomical observation and in the popularization of science have been remarkable," said Dr. John Ettling, president of SUNY Plattsburgh. "It is



Levy

highly fitting and proper that we acknowledge his extraordinarily inspiring achievements with this honorary degree."

SUNY Plattsburgh played an important part in stimulating Levy's passion for the night sky. During his teenage years, Levy attended the College's Adirondack Science Camp, which was held at Twin Valleys Outdoor Education Center near Lewis, N.Y. He said his experience in the

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Donald Garrant, 1957 Alumnus, Named Chair of the College Council

Donald L. Garrant, former vice president for institutional advancement at SUNY Plattsburgh, has been appointed chair of the College Council by Governor George Pataki.

Garrant, who was first appointed to the College Council in Sept. 2002, replaces Robert Garrow '52 who served as chair of the council for nearly 18 years.

Garrant said, "I welcome the opportunity of chairing the College Council during the next several years and assisting President John Ettling, the faculty and staff in their goal of ensuring that SUNY Plattsburgh remains as one of the top comprehensive colleges within the State University of New York system.

"I have been associated with the College for nearly 50 years as a student, administrator and member of the College Council. I thank Gov. Pataki for this new opportunity which he has given me to further serve my alma mater."

Garrant said it was also an exciting time at the College. He added that he looked forward to working with President Ettling, Nancy Dailey, the new vice president for institutional advancement, and the other members of the senior administration.



Garrant

President Ettling said he was pleased with the appointment of Garrant as the next college council chair.

"Don has been a dedicated and loyal member of the college community for half a century. He has always put SUNY Plattsburgh first, and I look forward to working with him in his new role."

Garrant joined the college administrative staff under President George Angell in August 1960 as director of public information. Promoted to assistant to the president for college relations in 1968, he served in that capacity until he was named executive assistant to the president for college relations and development in 1988.

Ten years later, he was named vice president for institutional advancement, a position he held until his retirement in 1999. Garrant also helped establish the Plattsburgh College Foundation, the college's fund-raising program, and served as its first executive director.

Garrant has been active in community affairs in the Plattsburgh area for many years and has received numerous awards including the Distinguished Service Award from SUNY Plattsburgh.

Garrant earned a bachelor's degree in 1957 and a master's degree in 1959, both from SUNY Plattsburgh. He and his wife, Mary, reside in Plattsburgh.

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fit into their programs," said Ettling. "The next step in the process is for us to send them copies of our catalog, which we are doing. I have invited the rector, administrators and faculty members involved in these programs from Sakarya to visit Plattsburgh. We will also designate someone on our campus as the coordinator of the program."

Sakarya University enrolls roughly 30,000 students and has branch campuses throughout the region. It is a "full service" university, including an engineering school and health sciences program. It also grants degrees through the doctoral level. The main campus is about two hours driving time east of Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey.

In Turkey, higher education is not available to everyone. Every year, about two million high school students take a nation-wide exam to get into universities. Only about 300,000 of those students are accepted to colleges throughout Turkey because there are not enough institutions of higher education for every high school student to go on to college.

"Those students who go to college in Turkey, by virtue of going through

the stringent exam process, are the best and brightest," said Ettling. "We were impressed with the quality of Sakarya University and the caliber of its students."

The overall benefit of the partnership between the two institutions will be to have a ready supply of well-qualified students come to SUNY Plattsburgh.

"These are international students as well, which makes the program especially attractive," said Ettling. "I'd like to see the international student population increase on campus."

"We were very impressed with the facilities at Sakarya and pleased with the technology available to the students and faculty," said Ettling. "All the classrooms are wired and there are plenty of computer labs. They do a lot with distance education as well."

Ettling said that the facilities at the university in Turkey were virtually brand new.

The university suffered major damage during a 1999 earthquake, and the entire campus has been rebuilt with funds from the Turkish Ministry of Education and international organizations such as Rotary

and Catholic Charities.

While on campus at Sakarya, Ettling met with Durman and senior administrative officials. He also addressed the Faculty Senate during one of its meetings. Lori Thompson, SUNY director of International Partnerships, and her assistant, Sevgi Ural, were also part of the contingency at Sakarya.

"Everyone was very hospitable. The rector really made us feel welcome. We thoroughly enjoyed touring the campus and meeting students, faculty and staff," said Ettling.

Students were busily preparing for final exams as the school was still in session when Ettling and Lewis visited the campus for three days beginning Dec. 28.

Ettling and Lewis also spent several days touring the sights in Istanbul, including the famed Grand Bazaar, the Spice Bazaar and palaces of the Ottoman sultans.

"Istanbul was a terrific city," said Ettling. "The people were great. We didn't encounter anyone who was not friendly. It was our first trip to Turkey, and I am looking forward to visiting there again."

Fulbright Visiting Scholar on Campus Through March

Dr. Sudha Mohan traveled half way around the world to spend four months at SUNY Plattsburgh as a Senior Fulbright Fellow.

Mohan, an associate professor of political science at Bombay University in India, arrived on campus Nov. 1 to begin her fellowship, which is an eight-month program. In March, she heads to Columbia University in New York City where she will spend four months on that campus.

"I wanted to get exposure at two different institutions," said Mohan. "This gives me an opportunity to have more experiences."

She is studying one of the current topics in political science -- social capital and civil engagement. She is looking at how the political and public domains have enlarged and enhanced society.

"Politics shouldn't be left to the politicians alone. There is more interaction now between non-government organizations and the government," she said. "I'm investigating how these relationships have changed."

While at Plattsburgh, she is doing background research and plans to do her field work while at Columbia.



Dr. Sudha Mohan from Bombay, India sits in her Ward Hall office at SUNY Plattsburgh.

"I've had an opportunity to meet the Mayor of Plattsburgh (Dan Stewart). He's an extremely dynamic and capable leader," said Mohan, who has also spoken to the Kiwanis Club and high school students at Northeastern Clinton Central School in Champlain, N.Y.

"I addressed high school students who were enthusiastic and, according to the teacher, found my talk very interesting," she said. In an email she received from the teacher, the teacher said that her presentation on India left a lasting impression on the students.

Mohan has had informal discussions with students on campus and has also met numerous faculty mem-

bers, including Dr. Christopher Kirkey, director of the Center for the Study of Canada, and Dr. Nancy Church, distinguished service professor and chair of marketing and entrepreneurship.

Mohan will also travel to other universities throughout the United States in the next few months, including campuses in Montgomery, Ala., San Diego, Calif., Austin, Texas and Louisville, Ky.

She said that she has enjoyed her time in Plattsburgh thus far.

"I've met some wonderful people. The warmth and hospitality of the people is charming and welcoming," said Mohan who left her husband and daughter behind in India. They will be joining her this summer in New York City.

"I love to interact with people. You get the feeling and the flavor of the place. I've really been exposed to many wonderful experiences while in Plattsburgh," said Mohan.

"Some people thought I was crazy for choosing to come to what I know now as the North Country, but it turned out not such a bad idea at all. I'm having a good time and hope to have an equally interesting time at Columbia," she said.

Task Force Hosts Open Forums to Gain Input on Quality of Life

Peter Luguri '73 G'79, assistant vice president for student affairs, is leading a college-wide task force that is examining the quality of undergraduate life at SUNY Plattsburgh.

The Task Force for the Study of the Quality Undergraduate Life at SUNY Plattsburgh has six subgroups, which are: retention and graduation rates; the transition year; effectiveness of communication; student academic support services; academic advisement; and overall campus climate.

The sub-group chairs along with Luguri will be holding several open forums in February to garner input from the campus community.

Two faculty open forums will be held: Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 12 noon and Thursday, Feb. 3 at 4 p.m.

Two student forums will also be held: Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 12 noon and Thursday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. All forums will be held in the Plattsburgh Room, Angell College Center.

The task force, which was charged by Dr. John Ettling, president of the College, is comprised of administrators, faculty, staff and students who are reviewing existing data and conducting these open forums.

The group will prepare a report with its recommendations to President Ettling by March 31.

For more information or to make a comment about the quality of life on campus, contact Peter Luguri at 564-3289 or email peter.luguri@plattsburgh.edu

Quality of Undergraduate Life at SUNY Plattsburgh Open Forums

Faculty Forums

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DVA Program Welcomes the Gibson Brothers

Eric, a 1993 SUNY Plattsburgh graduate, and Leigh, a 1994 SUNY Plattsburgh graduate, are better known in the music world as the Gibson Brothers. They will be coming to campus the end of January as part of the Distinguished Visiting Alumni Program sponsored by the Plattsburgh Alumni Association.

The Gibson Brothers will give a public presentation, "Behind the Music of the Gibson Brothers" on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 4:30 p.m. in the Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall. The presentation is free and open to all.

The band will also be playing a benefit concert for the Hospice of the North Country in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Peacock Music.

The Gibson Brothers are a traveling, singing endorsement for bluegrass music in the 21st century. Not only are they carrying on the decades-old tradition of the brother harmony duo, they're adding to the canon with skilled songwriting and an open-minded approach to the music they fell in love with years ago.

The Gibson Brothers - named Emerging Artists of the Year at the International Bluegrass Music Association Awards in 1998 - have indeed emerged as one of the most distinguished and distinctive acts in roots music, releasing six albums so far.

Eric and Leigh were born less than a year apart and grew up on a dairy farm in Ellenburg Depot. When they were in their early teens, they began playing guitar and banjo.

Eric got serious about the banjo after hearing Flatt & Scruggs' famous live album from Carnegie Hall. Leigh focused on guitar.

Under the tutelage of renowned resophonic guitarist Junior Barber, the Gibsons formed a bluegrass band in the early '90s, with Junior's son, Mike Barber on upright bass. Mike remains in the group, with dynamic young man-



Eric and Leigh Gibson will give a public presentation at SUNY Plattsburgh on Thursday, Jan. 27 in Hawkins Hall.

dolinist Marc MacGlashan rounding out a tight quartet.

The band is a fixture at major festivals while reaching new audiences all the time.

The Distinguished Visiting Alumni Program brings alumni back to campus to discuss their careers with students, faculty members and others. They share new ideas and become more involved in the academic mission of the College.

As part of their visit to campus, the Gibson Brothers will be meeting with faculty and students as well as taking a tour of SUNY Plattsburgh.

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summer science programs (1964-66) at Twin Valleys led him to become an amateur, and eventually, a professional astronomer.

Levy said that he is privileged to receive an honorary degree from SUNY.

"This is a highly meaningful honor for me since I have been involved with Plattsburgh, through its outdoor education center, for many years," said Levy.

During his recent visits to SUNY Plattsburgh and through extensive discussions with members of the faculty and administration, Levy is working with the campus to establish a state-of-the-art observatory and teaching laboratory at Twin Valleys.

As the science editor for *Parade Magazine*, Levy is able to reach more than 78 million readers. He has also

authored or edited 31 books and has produced other products that help amateur astronomers and stargazers. He won an Emmy in 1998 as part of the writing team for the Discovery Channel documentary, "Three Minutes to Impact."

He is also a contributing editor for *Sky and Telescope Magazine* and writes features for the Canadian magazine *Skynews*.

Levy has given more than 900 lectures and major interviews and has appeared on such television programs as the "Today Show," "Good Morning America," "ABC World News Tonight" and the National Geographic special, "Asteroids: Deadly Impact."

He and his wife, Wendee, also host a weekly radio show, available worldwide at www.letstalkstars.com.

Levy, a Montreal native, received his bachelor's degree in 1972 from Acadia University in Nova Scotia, Canada. He went on to receive his master's in English from Queen's University in Ontario, Canada. He has also taken courses at McGill University and the University of Arizona.

He is currently working on a doctorate from Hebrew University in Israel.

In 2004, Levy was named the Senator John Rhodes Chair in Public Policy and American Institutions at Arizona State University.

The campus president, faculty and a college-wide committee on honorary degrees recommend degree candidates to the SUNY Board of Trustees for approval.

Students Selected for Who's Who Among Students

Sixteen students from SUNY Plattsburgh have been selected for the 2004-05 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, a distinguished biographical volume that honors the nation's most noteworthy students of higher learning.

For more than 60 years, *Who's Who Among Students* has annually honored outstanding campus leaders for their scholastic and community achievements.

Students are selected on the basis of a combination of qualities including academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

A committee consisting of students, faculty and staff made the selections from among candidates who were nominated for consideration for this honor by members of the college community.

These 16 students join students from more than 1,900 institutions of higher education in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several other countries who have also been selected for *Who's Who*.

Outstanding college students have been honored by being listed in this annual publication since it was first

published in 1934. *Who's Who Among Students* has become one of the most highly regarded honors and national recognition for the students marks a pinnacle of scholastic achievement.

The students listed in the 2004-05 edition of *Who's Who* are:

Liz Ann Howe (Dominica)
Jacquelyn Canning (Altona, N.Y.)
Ashlea Baker (Keeseville, N.Y.)
Erin O'Brien (Pickering, Canada)
Brit Montmeat (Old Lyme, Conn.)
Richard Elicier (Jamaica, N.Y.)
Katherine Holscher (Round Lake, N.Y.)
Janessa Harmon (Plattsburgh, N.Y.)
Azilla Clarke (St. Kitts)
Kimone Joseph (Dominica)
Perlter Walter (Dominica)
Tyrone Ridley (Brooklyn, N.Y.)
Michelle Jarvis (Chateaugay, N.Y.)
Conor McDonough (Burlington, Canada)
Shanee Daley (Bronx, N.Y.)
Sarah Jensen (Binghamton, N.Y.)

Spotlight on faculty and staff

Dr. Thomas Braga, professor emeritus of ethnic poetry, is the subject of an article in a recent issue of *Ethnic Studies Review*. The paper, "Thomas Braga's Portingales: A Celebration of Portuguese American Life," was written by Dr. Reinaldo Silva, assistant professor of English at the University of Aveiro, Portugal. In the essay, Silva notes Braga's skill in pulling together different allusions to Portuguese history and concludes, "With Braga, Portuguese American ethnic literature is evidently beyond its embryonic phase."

Dr. Rodney Cavanaugh, associate professor of special education, and senior special education majors Teri Giroux, Chris Maguire, Jennifer Pitcher and Amy Rothman, presented, "Measurably Effective Instruction: What Children Need; What NCATE Wants" at the 2004 New York Council for Exceptional Children Convention. The presentation featured examples of

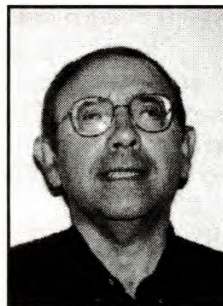
documentation of the relationship between what teachers do and what their students learn. The studies were conducted during the special education practicum last spring.

Dr. John Moravek, professor of geography in the Center for Earth and Environmental Science, had a review essay published in the fall 2004 issue of *New York History* titled, "The APA Era in New York's Outpost Wilderness: Thirty years of Conflict and Progress."

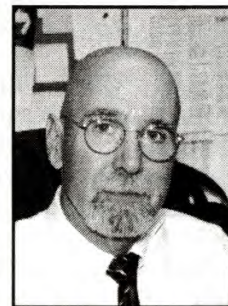
Dr. Richard Schnell, professor of counselor education, and Kate Thompson, a community counseling graduate student, presented "Ethics Case Studies in Mental Health Counseling," at the North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (NARACES) Annual Conference in Mystic, Conn. The topic was based upon Schnell's work while a Fellow at SUNY Plattsburgh's Institute for Ethics in Public Life. Schnell is working with colleagues at the University of Rochester in developing an advanced ethics casebook for mental health counselors in anticipation of New York State's new Mental Health Counselor license. Schnell

has also recently published four winter haiku poems in *Haiku Spirit: The Irish Journal of Haiku and Related Forms*. Other invitees include haiku poets Ion Codrescu (Romania), John Stevenson and George Swede (U.S.).

Dr. Donald Slish, associate professor of biological sciences, co-authored the paper, "*Alseis yucatanensis*: a natural product from Belize that exhibits multiple mechanisms of vasorelaxation," which appeared in the *Journal of Ethnopharmacology*.



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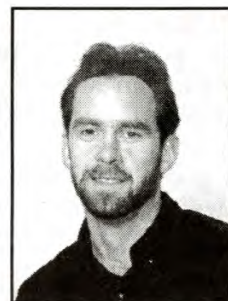
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FOCUS Calendar

Friday, Jan. 22 - Thursday, Feb. 17

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

SATURDAY, JAN. 22

11 a.m. Women's Alumni basketball game. Memorial Hall Gymnasium.

4:30 p.m. Women's Basketball Alumni Reception, sponsored by Sport & Wellness. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7 p.m. Men's Hockey Dinner, sponsored by Sport & Wellness. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

MONDAY, JAN. 25

Spring Semester Begins

TUESDAY, JAN. 25

4:30 p.m. Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting, sponsored by Faculty Senate. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26

10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, JAN. 27

4:30 p.m. UUP Teaching Evaluation Meeting. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

7 p.m. CDPI Film and W.R.A.P. Session, presents "Liberty Heights." Sponsored by the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion and College Auxiliary Services. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

FRIDAY, JAN. 28

12 p.m. UUP Teaching Evaluation Meeting. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

4 p.m. ODK Membership Meeting. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

SUNDAY, JAN. 30

3 p.m. Adirondack Wind

Ensemble Performance, sponsored by Music Department. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

TUESDAY, FEB. 1

12 p.m. Learning to Learn Workshops, sponsored by Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

4:30 p.m. Graduate Studies Open House, sponsored by Admission's Office. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2

10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, FEB. 3

1 p.m. College Council Meeting. Alumni Conference Room, Hawkins Hall.

7 p.m. Greek Week Meetings, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

FRIDAY, FEB. 4

3 p.m. Greek Peer Facilitators Training, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

MONDAY, FEB. 7

5 p.m. Greek Scholastic Awards/Gamma Sigma Alpha Induct., sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

7 p.m. Banff Mountain Film Festival, sponsored by Adirondack Experience Program. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

TUESDAY, FEB. 8

12 p.m. Learning to Learn Workshops, sponsored by

Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

12:15 p.m. Greek New Member Workshops, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

4:30 p.m. Monthly Faculty Senate Meeting, sponsored by Faculty Senate. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9

12 p.m. Committee on Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, FEB. 10

12:15 p.m. Fraternity/Sorority President's Council. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

2 p.m. Greek Alternative Spring Break Meeting, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

SATURDAY, FEB. 12

8 a.m. ODK High School Emerging Leaders Conference, sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

TUESDAY, FEB. 15

12 p.m. Learning to Learn

Workshops, sponsored by Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

12:15 p.m. Greek New Member Workshops, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7 p.m. Society of Success & Leadership, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16

6 p.m. Educational Diversity Discussion, sponsored by Education Department. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings, sponsored by SA Senate. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, FEB. 17

7:30 p.m. Visual Artist Series, sponsored by Campus Arts Council. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7:30 p.m. Adventure Lecture Series presents Heather Paul, sponsored by Adirondack Experience Program. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

College Council Meeting Feb. 3

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the College Council will be on Thursday, Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. in the Alumni Conference Room, Hawkins Hall. In addition to regular reports, the council will also discuss the SUNY tuition policy, budget issues and enrollment management. Members will also receive updates on the inauguration of President John Ettling and construction projects.

Students Participate in Alternative Winter Break

More than 30 students at SUNY Plattsburgh skipped the usual winter break involving skiing or relaxing at home and instead participated in the Alternative Winter Break Program, coordinated through the Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism.

A group of seven students left for Nicaragua the first week of January where they worked with the Mission of Hope. A week later, students and site leaders left on one of three other trips to help in various community service activities.

In Naples, Fla., the student volunteers conducted environmental work such as eradicating nuisance species and planting trees at Collier Seminole State Park. In Georgetown, S.C., volunteers worked with Habitat for Humanity, building houses for low-income families.

The last group of students spent one week in Hilton Head, S.C., working with Habitat for Humanity, and the second week in Baltimore, Md., working in the Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, which is affiliated with Catholic Charities.

Alternative Winter Break, in its sixth year at Plattsburgh State, started as a way to challenge students to volunteer their time during what is traditionally a time away from school for many college students.

For many of the students participating in Alternative Winter Break, this is their first time being involved in a service project. Cori Matthews, director of the Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism, said that the travel



Students heading to South Carolina are packed in the van and ready to leave from the Angell College Center.

aspect entices the students to volunteer for community service.

"We hope they come back with a better understanding of societal issues and actively participate in community service projects in the Plattsburgh community when they get back," said Matthews.

The students returned to campus in time for the resumption of classes Jan. 24.



More than 400 students were eligible to receive their diplomas during the Winter 2004 Commencement Exercises on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004. Dr. John Ettling presided over his first commencement ceremony as the 10th president of SUNY Plattsburgh. Esther Robinson (above), an elementary education major and Spanish minor from the Commonwealth of Dominica, was the student speaker during commencement. "What an honor to be able to share this moment with you," Robinson told her fellow classmates during her commencement address. "Three years ago when I dreamt of obtaining this degree, this moment of victory was hidden in the shadows of the future." She concluded her speech by telling the SUNY Plattsburgh Class of 2004 to be passionate. "Let me encourage you to be passionate. Be passionate about life, and live well."

New @all E-mail Policy Approved

The executive council at SUNY Plattsburgh has recently approved a new policy for @all e-mails.

These e-mails will continue to be sent by authorized personnel. However, the e-mails will be accumulated and sent as a single e-mail digest on a daily basis. This policy will be used for both faculty/staff and student @all e-mails.

The following is an example of what the digest would look like:

Digest Wed. 17 Nov 2004

In this Issue:

Annual Fall Arts and Crafts Fair

Profiles in Commitment -- Mayor Stewart

Distinguished Visiting Alumni Kevin Michael Days

Poetry Reading in Book Nook

Spring Bills

SCI361 -- Seats Available for Spring Semester

The full text of each e-mail follows this listing.

In addition, an Emergency@all will be created. These e-mails will be delivered individually and are restricted to emergency/critical announcements that fit into the following guidelines: health and safety; unplanned system-wide failures; or registration information. The ability to send emergency@all announcements will be limited to the president, vice presidents and their designees.

Mass e-mails sent by faculty/staff to any of the specialized mailing lists, e.g. PSU-Faculty, CSEA, etc., will be sent individually or bundled into a daily digest for that distribution list.

Upcoming Music and Theatre Events

The Adirondack Wind Ensemble Winter Concert will be held on Sunday, Jan. 30 at 3 p.m. in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

Under the direction of Guest Conductor Linda Sullivan (Plattsburgh High School Band Director), the ensemble will showcase works such as *William Byrd Suite*, transcribed by Gordon Jacob, *Third Suite* by Robert Jager and *Allerseelen* by Richard Strauss. The ensemble will also honor civil rights heroine Rosa Parks with a performance of *A Movement for Rosa* by Mark Camphouse.

Tickets, which will be available at the door only, are \$6 for general admission, \$2 for SUNY Plattsburgh students and free for children and students under the age of 18.

Pendragon Theatre returns to SUNY Plattsburgh for its production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* Friday and Saturday, Feb. 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. in the Hartman Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

Tickets, available at the door only, are \$10 for general admission and \$7 for faculty, staff, senior citizens and non-SUNY Plattsburgh students. Tickets for SUNY Plattsburgh students are \$2 and are available at the Angell College Information Desk or at the door. The box office will open 40 minutes before curtain on the nights of the performance.

For more information on these events, call 564-2180.



The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Day Community Commemoration was held on Monday, Jan. 17 at the Blessed John XXIII College Community Newman Center. This annual event is held to reflect on King's contributions to the cause of the civil rights of all people and the continued struggle for peace in the world today. This year's featured speaker was Dr. Kenneth Palm, D.D.S. (above). Palm and his family, former long-time residents of Plattsburgh, currently reside in Burlington, Vt. where he is the co-owner of Colchester Family Dentistry and an adjunct associate professor of dental hygiene at the University of Vermont. While in Plattsburgh, Palm and his wife, Phyllis, were active members of the MLK Commission and served in leadership positions in the commission for several years.

SUNY Plattsburgh, ACC Strengthen Partnership

Students can now get a SUNY Plattsburgh degree in psychology or criminal justice taking classes at ACC

SUNY Plattsburgh and Adirondack Community College (ACC) have teamed up to offer two unique degree opportunities for students in the Glens Falls region, including Saratoga, Washington and Warren counties.

President John Ettling will travel to Glens Falls where he and Dr. Marshall Bishop, president of ACC, will officially announce the two new degree programs on Friday, Jan. 28.

Students will now be able to obtain a bachelor of arts degree in psychology or criminal justice from SUNY Plattsburgh by taking classes at the Adirondack Community College in Queensbury, N.Y.

"SUNY Plattsburgh and Adirondack Community College have enjoyed an important partnership for more than 20 years. These new degree programs offer an exciting opportunity for students and strengthen our already strong ties between the two institutions," said Ettling.

"This is certainly a win-win-win situation for SUNY Plattsburgh, Adirondack Community College and students in upstate New York," he said.

The SUNY Plattsburgh Extension Site at ACC, which has shown steady growth in the last few years, also provides courses for master's degrees in education, liberal studies and a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Thomas Corigliano is currently the SUNY Plattsburgh Extension director in Glens Falls.

"We have the opportunity to expand our mission by offering quality programs in the Saratoga-Glens Falls region, and ACC can increase the programs available to their associate degree candidates," said Corigliano.

The psychology program is intended for students who hold or will hold an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts by the time they begin classes for the bachelor's degree. The criminal justice program is intended for students who

hold or will hold an associates degree in criminal justice.

Students will be admitted to SUNY Plattsburgh at the junior-year level and attendance may be on a full- or part-time basis. All Plattsburgh State courses will be held on the campus of Adirondack Community College in Queensbury.

The programs also require participation in an extended weekend course on the SUNY Plattsburgh campus during January in the second year of the program. Upon completion of the program, students will earn a SUNY Plattsburgh bachelor of arts degree.

Applications are now being accepted for the Fall 2005 semester.

Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said that initial studies indicate strong interest in these programs.

"We are pleased to be able to help students in the region meet their educational goals," said Golden.

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Campus Gets Updates During Planning Day

Members of the campus community recently gathered in Yokum Hall to hear updates on the strategic plan, enrollment management, campus and state budgets and the capital campaign during Planning Day, Jan. 21.

President John Ettling began the informational meeting with his reflections on the first six months of his presidency. He told the 150 or so in attendance that he has been impressed with the amount of research, scholarship and creative activity being undertaken by the faculty and

staff. Ettling also said that he and his wife, Lisa, have received a very warm welcome by the campus and the Plattsburgh community.

Ettling said that Planning Day was a good opportunity for the campus to hear reports on the status of the College.

"This morning, you'll get an update on several important projects. These projects represent the hard work of various committees that sought an enormous amount of input from the campus community," said Ettling.

The president also said that the campus was waiting for SUNY System Administration to respond to the Mission Review II (2005-2010) that was submitted by the College last fall.

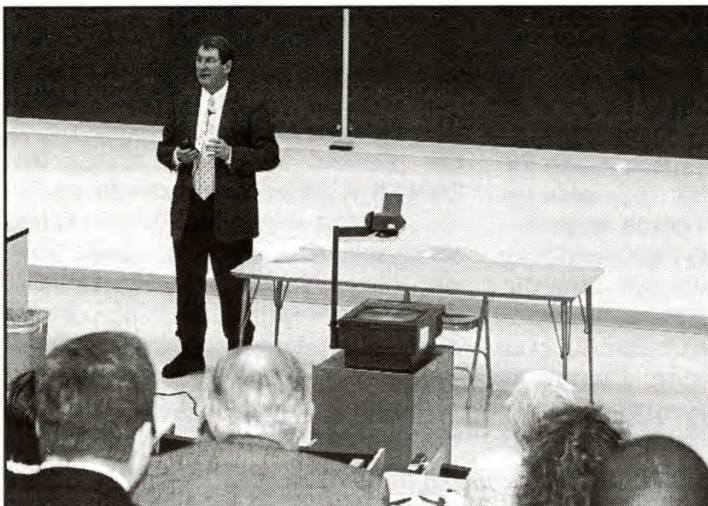
He concluded his remarks by stating the top two priorities for the College.

"There are two important tasks -- enrollments and financial support -- and we are tending to both of these things," said Ettling.

Strategic Plan Status

Dr. Kathy Lavoie, dean of arts and science and chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, gave a report on the status of the College's strategic plan.

At the end of last semester, members of the community voted on the six strategic initiatives brought forward by the Strategic Planning Committee. These initiatives came



Dr. John Ettling reflects on his first six months as president of SUNY Plattsburgh during Planning Day.

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Two Ceremonies Planned for Spring Commencement

There will be several changes in store for students graduating on Saturday, May 14 at SUNY Plattsburgh that include two commencement ceremonies that day.

Based upon the recommendation of a committee reviewing numerous issues and concerns with past commencement ceremonies, President John Ettling and his cabinet have approved holding two ceremonies at the Field House Gymnasium. The first ceremony would begin at 10 a.m. and the other to follow at 2 p.m.

Numerous requests for additional tickets, scalping and seating capacity at previous commencements were some of the major issues the committee addressed.

Keith Tyo, executive assistant to the president and chair of the committee, said there were many other issues considered as well.

"We've heard comments from students, faculty, parents and alumni that the ceremonies were not student-centered; that the graduations have been too long; and, particularly, that we

always have insufficient seating for family members," said Tyo. "President Ettling asked the committee to address all issues and consider the ceremony as the culmination of a student's college career. From that standpoint, we recommended several changes in the ceremony."

The first ceremony would begin at 10 a.m. (one hour earlier than in previous years) and would be held for students majoring in programs within

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Men's Ice Hockey Team Serves for a Good Cause

The SUNY Plattsburgh Men's Hockey team and Sodexo Campus Services teamed up to present the first Cardinal Hockey/Sodexo Charity Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 22 in the Warren Ballrooms in the Angell College Center.

Members of the Cardinal Hockey team acted as the waiters for the evening and also served up laughs as guests made donations in return for skits, songs and jokes by the players and coaching staff.



The dinner attracted more than 200 fans and also included a silent auction of Cardinal Hockey memorabilia.

The team raised \$3,000 for the Plattsburgh area Make-A-Wish Foundation chapter. Representatives from Make-A-Wish were on hand at the Plattsburgh State/Middlebury ice hockey game on Jan. 25 to receive the donation from team captains Dave Young and Paul Kelly.



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forth through a series of open meetings and campus-wide feedback received by the committee.

After considerable discussion on the voting results, Lavoie said the committee decided to advance all six proposed initiatives to Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, as the strategic plan for 2004-2009.

The following are the strategic initiatives: academic programs; enrollment; campus; planning; experiential learning; and strategic alliances.

The next step in the process is to call for action plans, which can be proposed by any unit to address an initiative. These plans will be integrated with the campus budget process.

More information on the call for action plans will be forthcoming from the provost's office.

Enrollment Management Plan

Dr. Robert Davis, professor of community disorders and sciences, presented the enrollment management plan.

The plan evolved from the Mission Review II (2005-2010) document and is consistent with the enrollment initiative of our strategic plan. The overall goal of the enrollment management plan is to stabilize enrollment.

The following are the objectives for the plan: enhance the size and quality of the undergraduate and

graduate applicant pools and the percentage of accepted students who choose to deposit; increase the proportion of students from ethnic minority backgrounds from the current 11 percent (597 students) to 13 percent (767 students) or greater by 2010 and continue to enroll (approximately 10 percent) non-resident students (international and domestic out-of-state) from outside of New York State; increase enrollments at Plattsburgh's Extension Center at Adirondack Community College; increase enrollments among students completing online credit offerings; enhance advising and retention programs; increase selectivity in admissions overall; maintain full-time graduate enrollment, while increasing part-time graduate enrollment; and align expenditures with revenue and the enrollment management plan.

The entire plan is on the Web in electronic reserves under "Endowment Management." The password to get into the document is "stusuccess."

Campus and State Budget

John Homburger, vice president for business affairs, and Clark Foster, budget officer, gave an update on the campus budget process and the state budget status.

Homburger said that the campus is waiting for the state legislature and Governor George Pataki to work out a

final budget for the state.

Foster gave an update on the campus budget, including the 2004-05 budget status and an outlook for the next fiscal year. Foster also talked about the planned actions to absorb the 2004-05 negative budget condition.

Account managers should review their accounts regularly; make sure correct employees are being charged to the appropriate account; closely monitor student and payroll allocations with the increase to the minimum rate to \$6/hr.; address negative allocation situations immediately; and to contact the budget office anytime for assistance.

Capital Campaign

Nancy Dailey, vice president for institutional advancement, gave an update on the College's first-ever comprehensive capital campaign.

The campaign is currently in what is known as the quiet phase, where the groundwork is being laid for the \$15 million campaign.

Dailey said that members of the administration have already pledged more than \$50,000 toward the campaign.

"It is important for the campus to rally behind the capital campaign," said Dailey. "So when I go out and meet with donors, I can say that the campus itself is committed to our future."

Michael Cashman New Student Association President

He wants students to be engaged, and he's going to make it a priority as the new Student Association president. Michael Cashman was voted in last December and hit the ground running.

"First of all, I wanted to understand why things were the way they were and how they worked," said Cashman as to why he got involved in student government in the first place. "The more you understand, the more opportunities you have to make changes for the better. If you sit on the sidelines, you can either boo or cheer. You don't have many options."

Cashman, a graduate student in counselor education student affairs from Saratoga, has three priorities as president. First, he wants to emphasize what type of student association SUNY Plattsburgh has.

"We're students serving students," said Cashman. "As SA officers, we don't get paid. We're volunteering, working on behalf of all students."

The second priority of the 43rd administration of the SA is to emphasize student advocacy.

"We're for the students and to empower them to do it themselves. We want students to understand and to engage in all aspects of the collegiate experience. Students should take it upon themselves to get involved. For

example, seniors should ask themselves, 'What can I do for future students?' This is vital for the longevity and health of the institution. This is a community, and for it to grow and flourish, students need to get involved and encourage others to get involved."

The third priority is the visibility of the SA and its strategic planning.

"We're going to take a look at the services we provide to students and see how we can make it better and to provide more. It needs to be a collaborative effort."

Cashman, who also received his undergraduate degree at SUNY Plattsburgh in 2003, said that he is looking for ideas from everyone, including students, faculty, staff and the Plattsburgh community.

"I'm also an alumnus. I had an amazing undergraduate experience here. I want to share opinions,



Cashman

thoughts and advocate for the students so they can have a similar type of experience."

Cashman, who is also the graduate assistant for the Center for Leadership Development, said he is thrilled to be working with President John Ettling.

"I think he's going to serve all populations very well," said Cashman. "He's very warm and inviting. I feel fortunate to be working with him."

SUNY Plattsburgh Graduation Rates Compare Well

SUNY System Administration recently released information on the graduation rates of its doctoral institutions and comprehensive colleges. SUNY Plattsburgh fared well when compared to other comprehensive colleges, having the fourth best percentage for its six-year graduation rate.

"When you compare SUNY Plattsburgh's graduation rates with those of other SUNY comprehensive colleges, we're doing pretty well," said President John Ettling. "Of course there's always room for improvement, and we're working on different projects related to student retention."

The highest four- and six-year graduation rate percentages belong to Geneseo, with Fredonia and Cortland coming in second and third, respectively.

SUNY Plattsburgh's rates also bested the average rates for all the SUNY comprehensive colleges.

When comparing the graduation rates nationally, SUNY Plattsburgh again does well. The national graduation rate average for four-year public comprehensive institutions, according to the 2003 IPEDS Graduation Rate Survey, is 17 percent, with the six-year rate of 41 percent. SUNY Plattsburgh has a four-year graduation rate of 34.1 percent and a six-year rate of 55.7 percent.

Graduation Rates: A Comparison

Sector/Institution	4-year (%)	6-year (%)
SUNY Comprehensive Colleges	33.6%	52.7
Brockport	26.4	50.6
Buffalo College	14.1	39.8
Cortland	36.1	57.2
Empire State	12.6	14.2
Fredonia	45.8	63.7
Geneseo	68.1	80.3
New Paltz	27.5	54.3
Old Westbury	12.9	26.0
Oneonta	34.3	49.8
Oswego	32.3	50.9
Plattsburgh	34.1	55.7
Potsdam	22.2	42.7
Purchase	32.6	42.3

Visual Artist Series Presents Printmaker Feb. 17

The Visual Artist Series kicks off its spring semester with a presentation by Printmaker Janet Ballweg on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.

Ballweg is a professor of art and the head of printmaking at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. She received an MFA in printmaking from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana (1985), and a B.S. in Art from the University of Wisconsin - Madison (1983).



"Up in Smoke" by Janet Ballweg.

Her current research involves the integration of digital imaging and photopolymer printing. Other research includes painting and artists hand-made books.

Ballweg has exhibited in more than 150 juried

regional/national/international exhibitions and over 50 invitational and solo exhibitions.

Her recent exhibitions include: The International Biennial of Miniature Art, Czestochowa, Poland; 5th Kochi International Triennial Print Exhibition, Kochi, Japan; The International Small Engraving Salon, Carburari, Romania; Iowa Miniprint International, Iowa City, Iowa; Delta National Small Prints Exhibition, Jonesboro, Ark.; Boston Printmakers Print Biennial; and 60 Square Inches Exhibition, West Lafayette, Ind.

Ballweg, whose work has received more than 40 awards since 1983, is a member of the Southern Graphics Council, the American Print Alliance and the Mid America Print Council.

The Visual Artist Series, which is sponsored by the Campus Arts Council and the Student Association, is free and open to the public.

Chinese Art Exhibit Opens Feb. 5

The Plattsburgh State Art Museum is hosting an exhibition of 32 Chinese paintings from the Qing Dynasty, 1644-1911.

These works are part of the Pete and Marge Henricksen Collection and were gathered in Japan in the late 1960s and '70s, a time and place of extraordinary opportunity for collecting.

The exhibition in the Burke Gallery, Myers Fine Arts Building, will open on Saturday, Feb. 5. Dr. Sewall Oertling, the curator of the exhibit, will give a lecture at 3 p.m. in Yokum Room 200. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will be followed by a reception in Myers Fine Arts Room 232 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the Plattsburgh State Art Museum, the Student Association, the Plattsburgh College Foundation and College Auxiliary Services.

"Chinese painting is the evolution of an ancient tradition," said Edward Brohel, director of the art museum. "It is with great excitement that we present this exhibition as not only a aesthetic phenomenon, but as a cultural indicator of a larger change in Chinese society and also in world interactions."

The exhibition will be on display through April 3. All galleries are open 7 days a week, from noon to 4 p.m., except legal holidays.



"Merchant Ship in Peril," 1688, by LuXue. Photo by: Matthew Ferrari and Michael Holobosky, Johnson Museum Digital Access Project.

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the Division of Education, Health and Human Services and the School of Business and Economics. The second ceremony would commence at 2 p.m. for students in the Division of Arts and Science.

To make it more student oriented, faculty awards will be moved to the fall President's Opening Day Meeting in late August while those graduating students who have received SUNY awards would be recognized. The number of speeches and the length of those addresses will also be limited.

While students will still be

required to pickup tickets the week before commencement, the number of seats will no longer be limited to just four per student.

There are several other logistical changes in the ceremony that are still being examined.

One other variation in the ceremony that will be quite noticeable concerns the academic gowns for undergraduate students. Based upon the recommendation of the Student Association President Michael Cashman, graduating seniors will now be dressed in black robes and mortarboards. A red tassel will adorn the

mortarboard.

Winter commencement will continue to be one ceremony although there will be some changes in the program. Information on changes to the spring ceremonies will be available on the campus Website beginning next week.

President Ettling said that the two ceremonies this spring are being conducted on a trial basis.

"We will gauge the reaction and comments to the spring ceremonies from students, faculty, staff and parents and decide whether to continue the new format," said Ettling.

Spotlight

on faculty and staff

Holly Heller-Ross, associate librarian, authored the article, "Reinforcing Information and Technology Literacy: the Plattsburgh Tip Sheet" in an issue of *College and Research Libraries News*. The article includes a faculty guide that has already been modified or distributed by library faculty at six other institu-



Hoag



Joyce

tions, including the University of Richmond in Virginia; Frostburg State University in Pennsylvania; and the Virtual University/Technologico de Monterey, Mexico.

Dr. Craig Hoag, assistant professor of chemistry, co-authored the paper, "Stopped-Flow Investigation of the Reaction of Hexabromoiridate(III) with Bromine in Aqueous Solution," which appeared in the *International Journal of Chemical Kinetics*.

Dr. Kate Joyce, assistant professor of environmental science, was a speaker at the Air Quality and North American Borders Symposium. The symposium was sponsored by the Canadian-American Research Centre for Law and Policy at the University of Windsor, Ont. Joyce's presentation, "Air Quality at the Border: The View from New York State" explored the ecological impacts and policy responses to inter-regional air pollution.

Reading Features Vermont Poet Feb. 9

Poet Major Jackson will read from his poetry on Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. in Champlain Valley Hall Commons (first floor lounge). Jackson, nominated for the National Book Critics Circle Award for his book, *Leaving Saturn*, won the Whiting Award in 2003. Jackson's poetry reads loud and clear with vivid imagery and a personal voice that is strong and convincing. His poems have appeared in the *American Poetry Review*, *Boulevard*, *Callaloo* and *The New Yorker*, among other publications. His next book, *Hoops*, is due out this year from Norton. Jackson, an assistant professor of English at the University of Vermont, is a native of North Philadelphia. He has earned degrees from Temple University and University of Oregon. His books will be available for purchase at the reading, which is sponsored by the Winkel Humanities Fund and the English Department.

Azilla Clark Named ODK Circle Leader of the Year

She might be considered an over-achiever. Azilla Clark, a senior social work and political science major from St. Kitts, was recently named Omicron Delta Kappa's Circle Leader of the Year for the SUNY Plattsburgh chapter. She'll now go on to compete for the Province Leader of the Year, and if she succeeds, it's on to compete for the ODK National Circle Leader honor.

"It was a great honor to be recognized," said Clark, who plans to graduate a year from May and go on to graduate school. "It's a resume builder. The highly recognized honor will show future employers and graduate schools that I was involved on campus and just didn't take classes and study all the time."

Clark is a second semester resident assistant in Whiteface Hall and the vice president of organizations for the Student Association. She is also a member of Phi Eta Sigma, the freshman honor society; Phi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society; Phi Kappa Phi, the all academic honor society; as well as ODK, the national leadership honor society.

"A good leader involves others," said Clark. "You're only as good as the persons around you. You have to delegate and give others an opportunity to shine."



Clark



Eric, a 1993 SUNY Plattsburgh graduate, and Leigh, a 1994 SUNY Plattsburgh graduate, are better known as the Gibson Brothers. The duo gave a public presentation on Thursday, Jan. 27 as part of the Distinguished Visiting Alumni Program. Talking about how music influenced their lives from an early age, the Gibson's entertained the audience in the Krinovitz Recital Hall with their own brand of bluegrass music, retracing their steps from growing up in Ellenburg Depot and playing music in Grandma's kitchen. While on campus, the Gibson's had the opportunity to visit several classes and meet with students, faculty and staff. The Gibsons also gave a standing-room only benefit concert for the Hospice in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium on Saturday, Jan. 29.

FOCUS Calendar

Friday, Feb. 4 - Thursday, Feb. 24

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

FRIDAY, FEB. 4

3 p.m. Greek Peer Facilitators Training, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

MONDAY, FEB. 7

5 p.m. Greek Scholastic Awards/Gamma Sigma Alpha Induct., sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Warren Ballroom B.
7 p.m. Banff Mountain Film Festival, sponsored by Adirondack Experience Program. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

TUESDAY, FEB. 8

12 p.m. Open Forums-Task Force on Under Grad. Life, sponsored by Student Affairs & Enrollment Management. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.
12 p.m. Learning to Learn Workshops, sponsored by Learning Center. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

12:15 p.m. Greek New Member Workshops, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.
4:30 p.m. Monthly Faculty Senate Meeting. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.

7 p.m. Freshmen Emerging Leader Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.
9 p.m. Society of Success & Leadership Orientation, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9
12 p.m. Committee on Greek Affairs, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Meeting Room 1.
7 p.m. Poet Major Jackson will read from his poetry in

Champlain Valley Hall Commons (first floor lounge). Sponsored by the Winkler Humanities Fund and the English Department.

10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, FEB. 10

12:15 p.m. Fraternity/Sorority President's Council. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.
2 p.m. Greek Alternative Spring Break Meeting, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

4 p.m. Open Forums-Task Force on Under Grad. Life, sponsored by Student Affairs & Enrollment Management. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.
SATURDAY, FEB. 12
8 a.m. ODK High School Emerging Leaders Conference. Angell Center.
6 p.m. A Romantic Interlude, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

TUESDAY, FEB. 15

12 p.m. Learning to Learn Workshops, sponsored by Learning Center. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.
12:15 p.m. Greek New Member Workshops, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.
4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16

6 p.m. Educational Diversity Discussion, sponsored by Education Department. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.
10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings, sponsored by SA Senate. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, FEB. 17

7:30 p.m. Visual Artist Series, sponsored by Campus Arts Council. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.
7:30 p.m. Adventure Lecture Series presents Heather Paul, sponsored by Adirondack Experience Program. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

MONDAY, FEB. 21
3 p.m. Greek Leadership Series, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.
5:30 p.m. Black History Month Dinner, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.
7 p.m. Greek Future Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

TUESDAY, FEB. 22

12 p.m. Learning to Learn Workshops, sponsored by Learning Center. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.
12:30 p.m. Service Learning Workshops, sponsored by Center for Service Learning & Volunteerism. Angell College Center Meeting Room 2.

4:30 p.m. Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.
7 p.m. Freshmen Emerging Leader Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

7 p.m. CDPI Film and W.R.A.P. Session, presents "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner." Sponsored by the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion and College Auxiliary Services. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23
12:15 p.m. Greek New Member Workshops, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.
8 p.m. David Stollman's "Buy In or Get Out", sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.
10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, FEB. 24

11 a.m. CVPB Blood Drive, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.
12:15 p.m. Greek Homecoming Committee Meeting, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.
6 p.m. Educational Diversity Discussion, sponsored by Education Department. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.
7 p.m. Greek Week Meetings, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

C.A.S. Student Academic Program Grants Available

A new grant opportunity program that was initiated last fall by College Auxiliary Services is continuing this spring. These grants support student academic programming at SUNY Plattsburgh. The following are grant guidelines.

- The program, activity or event must be sponsored by a faculty member or department. It should feature an element that will supplement the curricular offerings of the College.
- The program, activity or event should promote instructional growth of the students participating and it should affect broad sectors of the College community but emphasize students.
- Funds will not be approved for travel expenses except to bring speakers/presenters to campus.

• The program should be open to all students of the College community and should foster a sense of community.

• In order to be considered for funding, applications must be received in the CAS office by noon on the following dates: Feb. 24, March 24 and April 21. If an application arrives after the deadline, it cannot be reviewed until the next deadline date. Applicants will be notified within seven days of the deadline whether or not the application will be funded.

For more information and a complete list of guidelines, stop by the CAS office in Clinton Dining Hall. Application forms are also available at the CAS office and at the Student Association and Campus Life offices in the Angell College Center.

Showcase on tap for April

One of the exciting events leading up to the inauguration ceremony of President John Ettling is Showcase Week. The week of April 11 - 16 will showcase student achievements across campus.

"There will be many events going on throughout the week including poster displays, student presentations, a cafeteria of student creation and achievement," said Dr. Douglas Skopp, distinguished teaching professor of history and chair of the Showcase Committee. "Plattsburgh has always prided itself on the close interaction between faculty and students. This event allows this to be displayed in many different settings."

The celebration of student academic achievements is a time when the College shows off its students and gives students a good base for further achievement.

The week culminates on Saturday, April 16 with the inauguration ceremony for the 10th president of SUNY Plattsburgh, Dr. John Ettling.

The Undergraduate Juried Art Exhibition will open on Sunday, April 17 in the Myers Fine Arts Building.

For more information, email Dr. Skopp at Douglas.Skopp@plattsburgh.edu. A complete schedule of Showcase activities will be available as the week gets closer.

Adirondack Community College President Marshall Bishop (sitting, left) and SUNY Plattsburgh President John Ettling (sitting, right) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding and announced two new degree programs that will be offered through the SUNY



Plattsburgh Extension Site at ACC. The announcement was made during a ceremony on the ACC campus Friday, Jan. 28. Also in attendance were Dr. Shelle Kelz, vice president for academic and student affairs at ACC (standing, left) and Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs at SUNY Plattsburgh (standing, right). The two programs, Bachelor of Arts degrees in psychology and criminal justice, will begin to be offered at ACC next fall. Applications are now being accepted.

Summer Employment with Upward Bound

The Upward Bound Program is seeking tutor-counselors for the 2005 Summer Program. These positions run from June 20 to Aug. 9 and pay between \$1,900 and \$2,100 plus room and board (contingent on funding).

Applications are available at the Upward Bound Office, 10 Hawkins Hall, or at the Angell College Center Information Desk. First consideration will be given to applications received by Feb. 11.

For more information, call the Upward Bound Office at 564-2030. Upward Bound is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Banff Mountain Film Festival Feb. 7

For the past 28 years, The Banff Mountain Film Festival has been celebrating the spirit of adventure and the mountain environment. Each November, the world's best films on mountain themes draw an international audience to the town of Banff, Canada. The best of the best films then go on a world-wide tour. The tour makes a stop at SUNY Plattsburgh on Monday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall. Tickets are \$6 for general admission; \$4 for SUNY Plattsburgh faculty and staff; and free for SUNY Plattsburgh students. The festival is sponsored by the Adirondack Experience Program.

Samuel D's to Begin its Second Semester

With a semester of operation behind it, Samuel D's is ready to begin serving up another delicious semester. The restaurant facility in Sibley Hall, which is run by students in the hotel, restaurant and tourism management program, serves daily morning takeout including Starbucks coffee and a lunch and dinner once a week.

"Our first semester was much better than we could have expected," said Kimberly Emery '00, facility manager, chef and instructor. "The students were superb. By the end of the semester, Samuel D's was very popular, customers liked the value and the fact that they get to meet the students."

Emery said that the facility has proven to be an excellent training ground for the HRTM students.

"The students, faculty and staff are still as excited about



Kimberly Emery (right) talks to students in Samuel D's.

the facility as the first day we opened," she said. "In our first semester, we learned a lot, and we will keep working to make the most of this wonderful facility we have."

There will be some changes implemented from feedback the students and faculty received from last semester. The menu will be more diversified and there's a chance the restaurant will add weekly specials, according to Emery.

Something new for this semester will be a networking hour every Wednesday (starting on Feb. 16) from 4 to 6 p.m.

"This will be a great opportunity for faculty to gather after work for a drink and snacks," said Emery.

She also said that the faculty and students are looking forward to Samuel D's second semester.

"We are very appreciative of everyone that dined with us last semester, and we hope to see them again," said Emery. "I hope that people will consider us their first option when having lunch on Tuesday or dining out on a Thursday evening."

Samuel D's Spring Schedule

Daily Morning Takeout has begun.
Spring semester hours are 8 to 11 a.m.

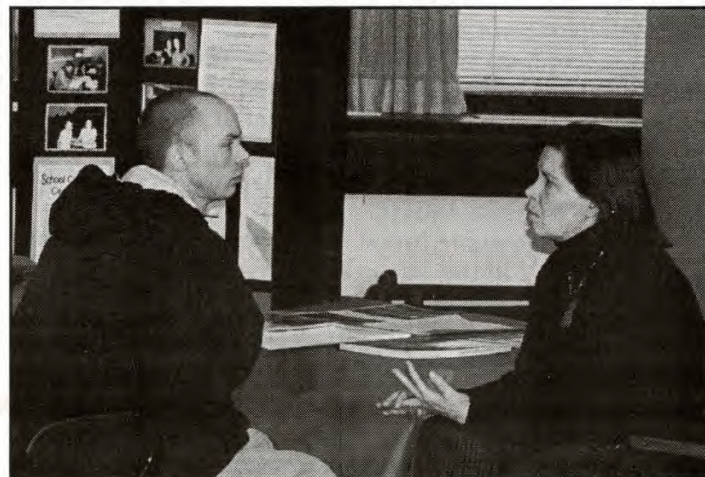
Lunches will be served on Tuesdays,
beginning Feb. 22

Dinners will be served on Thursdays,
beginning Feb. 24.

Networking Hour on Wednesdays,
beginning Feb. 16

To make reservations for lunch or dinner, call 564-4260 or on the Web at www.samueld.com

A stained glass window was installed in the stairwell of the Angell College Center on Friday, Jan. 28. The stained glass window design, titled, "The Spirit of Learning," was donated and constructed under the direction of Jean-Jacques Duval (above, right), world-famed glass master/artist. The work group was headed by student Michael Shanley (above, left) and included alums James Ryan and Scott Hendrick. It took the group about a week during winter session to complete the work in the Sculpture Studio in Myers Fine Arts Building. The project was sponsored by William Laundry, vice president for student affairs; Scott Johnson, director of Angell College Center; the Student Association; the Plattsburgh State Art Museum; and the Office of Maintenance and Operations. A reception for the artist and the student construction group will take place later in the semester.



Students interested in gaining a master's degree had the opportunity to learn more about the graduate programs at SUNY Plattsburgh during a Graduate Open House on Tuesday, Feb. 1. Representatives from the graduate programs were on hand to answer questions from prospective students. Following the open house, which was held in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center, a special program was held for those who might be interested in a career in student affairs. The Division of Student Services at Clinton Community College, the Divisions of Student Affairs at Paul Smith's College and SUNY Plattsburgh as well as the Department of Counselor Education at SUNY Plattsburgh sponsored the program, "Careers in Student Affairs Professional Practice."

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Environmental Studies Unveiled as New Major

SUNY Plattsburgh has introduced a new major in the Center for Earth and Environmental Science. The major, environmental studies, will let students explore the human dimensions of the environment in the context of a program that integrates the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities.

After completing general college requirements, students may take courses including human and physical geography, ecology, geology, history, ethics, environmental law, environment and society and environmental justice.

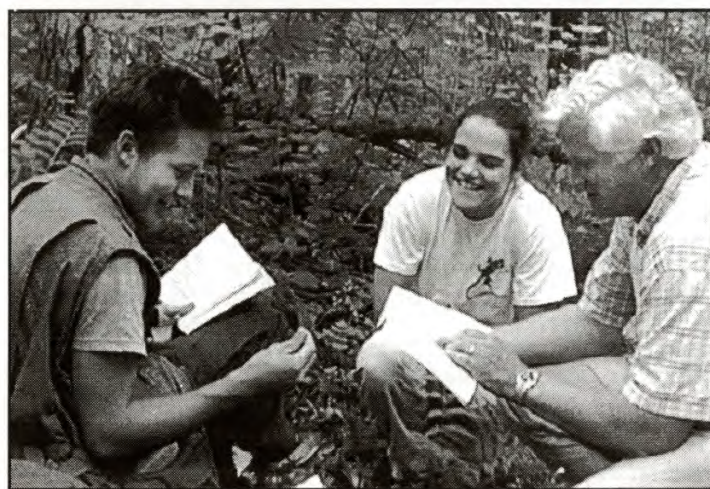
"This new major joins a vibrant 30-year Plattsburgh State tradition of environmental education and research," said Dr. Robert Fuller, director of the Center of Earth and Environmental Science. "This program will use the expertise found in the Center and combine it with several different disciplines across campus, tapping into the resources of a talented and diverse faculty."

Advanced course work will span such areas as policy, management, planning, culture, history, philosophy, geography and environmental science.

Students will also select from courses in technology skills and "adventure learning" courses set outdoors.

The environmental studies major is designed to foster ethical values and the stewardship of responsible citizenship within a global community.

The major also has a career focus: preparing students for a variety of in-demand jobs in the public, non-profit and private sectors.



Dr. Ken Adams, distinguished teaching professor of earth and environmental science (far right), conducts research with two students.

"Graduates will find themselves on their way to the professional landscape of environmental consulting, advocacy, planning, policy, lobbying and law," said Dr. Gary Kroll, assistant professor of history who will be teaching a course for the new major. "These are all careers that demand a sophisticated understanding of the complex

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Marketing and Public Relations Merge

The Marketing Department at SUNY Plattsburgh has merged with the Public Relations Department in the Office of Institutional Advancement.

Director of Marketing and Publications Mark Mastrean along with Web Editor Dan Lewis and Web Operations Assistant Sarah Frey joined forces with the public relations department late last fall. The public relations team includes Kelly Vergin, sports information director, Frances Hagen Dumenci, assistant director of public relations, Paula Trahan, graphic

designer and art director for the *Plattsburgh Magazine*, Gerianne Wright, writer and managing editor of the magazine, and Kimone Joseph, special assistant for the capital campaign (see sidebar, page 2).

"The merger between the two offices is a natural combination," said President John Ettling. "This group will now work together to spread the good word about SUNY Plattsburgh and its students, faculty, staff and alumni."

With the onset of the College's

capital campaign, *Bright with Promise*, the newly merged offices will place a heavy emphasis on building a family of materials for the campaign as well as student recruitment.

"This is a highly talented group of individuals who will work hard to put together a cohesive and comprehensive package of materials for the capital campaign," said Nancy Dailey, vice president for institutional Advancement, who oversees the public

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Modest Increases to Room and Board for 2005-06

Inflationary increases and program enhancements are the reasons for the slight increase in room rent and meal plan rates at SUNY Plattsburgh for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Room Rent

According to Cathy Moulton, director of housing, room rents will increase by \$100. A designated double room will increase from \$2,100 to \$2,200, and designated single rooms will increase from \$2,280 to \$2,380.

"Most of the increase is due to residence hall program changes and enhancements," said Moulton. "We will be implementing exhaust fans for all 12 halls. There will be major repairs in the ceiling and lighting and replacement of window blinds in Wilson Hall. We will also be adding three kitchens in Adirondack Hall for a new senior/grad student area."

Meal Plan

According to Wayne Duprey, executive director of College Auxiliary Services, the cost of residential meal plans will increase between 5.3 and 6.1 percent.

"The increase includes the contractually mandated three percent increase for the CPI Index for Food Away

from Home and an adjustment due to the minimum wage increase to \$6.75," said Duprey.

There will be several improvements to the meal plan program. Some of these program enhancements include: moving the late night period from Little Al's to Big Al's with added features of grill/fryer options, full soup/salad bar, the option of "dining in" and the extension of the period until 1 a.m. Algonquin will "go organic" (serve only organic fruits and vegetables) and the vegan/vegetarian platform will be improved. Biodegradable containers will be used instead of Styrofoam for all take-out at Algonquin.

"The changes at Algonquin are an attempt to educate our students to become stewards of the environment," said Duprey. "The improvements will emphasize a healthy lifestyle in not only the food consumed, but also the manufacture and disposal."

Funding has also been allocated for conceptual changes in the Sundowner that will add variety and competitiveness to the retail program.

The CAS Food Service Committee, comprised of 14 members, nine of which are students, worked throughout the fall semester to develop changes to the dining program that minimized price increases while enhancing the quality and flexibility of the existing program.

Rent	2005-2006	2004-2005	Change
Designated Single	\$2,380	\$2,280	\$100
Designated Double	\$2,200	\$2,100	\$100
Double as a Single	\$2,680	\$2,580	\$100
Banks Apt. - DSS	\$2,680	\$2,580	\$100

Meal Plan	2005-2006	2004-2005	Change
Carte Blanche	\$1,333	\$1,256	\$77
Block 170 Plus	\$1,403	\$1,325	\$78
Block 155 Plus	\$1,368	\$1,295	\$73
Block 125 Plus	\$1,218	\$1,157	\$61
Flex 15	\$1,178	\$1,114	\$64
Block 55 Plus	\$484	\$470	\$14
Block 30 Plus	\$390	\$379	\$11

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relations/marketing team. "They will tell the Plattsburgh State story through articles on faculty and student projects and accomplishments and the amazing accomplishments of our alumni."

Faculty and staff are encouraged to contact Hagen Dumenci with information on projects and achievements as well as news about successful alumni.

Contact her at 564-2090 or email hagendfj@plattsburgh.edu

"These are the stories we love to write," said Hagen Dumenci. "It is our job to tell the city, state, nation and world about the high caliber of work done by our faculty and students."

A search is underway to find a director of marketing and public relations.

"We are hoping to have someone in that position in late spring or early summer," said Dailey.

Joseph to Help With Capital Campaign



Joseph

Kimone Joseph '04 has been hired by the Plattsburgh College Foundation to help write and manage the capital campaign printed materials.

Joseph served as an intern in the Office of Public Relations from May through December 2004. As an intern, she was responsible for writing articles for the on-campus newsletter, *Focus*, as well as assisting with the day-to-day operations of the public relations office.

"Kim is a great asset to the public relations team," said Frances Hagen Dumenci, assistant director of public relations. "Her work on the campaign has already proven to be invaluable."

Joseph will continue to help in the production of *Focus* and the alumni publication, *Plattsburgh Magazine*. She will assist in managing two interns, Aimee McCauley and Jennifer Vargas, who will be working in the public relations office this semester.

Joseph's position runs through the end of June, at which time she will prepare to move to Indiana where she will attend graduate school at Ball State University.

Three New Fellows Begin Semester at Ethics Institute

The Institute for Ethics in Public Life welcomed three new fellows this semester: Dr. Robert Cabin, assistant professor of biological sciences; Dr. Lonnie Fairchild, associate professor of computer science; and Dr. Jonathan Slater, assistant professor of communication.

The fellows meet every Wednesday in the institute located in Hawkins Hall. They are joined by Dr. Thomas Moran, the institute's director, as well as other faculty members including Dr. Beth Dixon, associate professor of philosophy, and Dr. Douglas Skopp, distinguished teaching professor of history.

While a fellow at the institute, Cabin's overarching goal is to obtain a solid general working knowledge of ethics and civic responsibility so he can more effectively address these kinds of bioethical issues in his research and teaching.

"Although we live in a world increasingly driven by science and technology, we scientists tend to be woefully unprepared to address such questions as, 'Should we pursue this branch of knowledge or particular technology?'" said Cabin. "For example, we can easily move genes between unrelated species and then release these genetically engineered organisms into the environment, but do the benefits of doing this outweigh the costs?"

Cabin is enjoying his time as a fellow at the institute.

"I feel honored to be a part of such a learned and stimulating institution,"

he said. "Our discussions so far have been heated and passionate, yet also exceptionally collegial and respectful. I have already learned a tremendous amount that is directly relevant to my professional and personal interests."

Fairchild's goal as a fellow at the institute is to develop more effective ways of including social and ethical issues involving computer technology in the introductory computing courses that she teaches.

"I am concerned that in the current versions of my courses important issues are treated either too superficially or not at all," said Fairchild.

As a fellow, she wants to learn more of the different ways of thinking about individual and community responsibility as well as appropriate pedagogy.

"The institute, with the opportunities it provides for discussion with and guidance from other faculty, is an ideal environment for such a project," she said. "So far, it has been a wonderful experience. I feel as if I learn from every discussion. Hearing the perspectives of faculty in other disciplines is invaluable."

While a fellow at the institute, Slater is examining the role of mass



The new fellows at the Institute this semester are (l-r): Dr. Lonnie Fairchild, Dr. Jonathan Slater and Dr. Robert Cabin.

media in corporate behavior and decision-making.

"I wanted time to explore what I saw as an ethical dilemma in a discipline in which I both work and teach," said Slater. "I felt that the standard public relations curriculum, especially case analysis, was not providing enough critical dissection of the ethical environment that the media themselves have generated."

Slater has also enjoyed his time so far as a fellow in the institute.

"The institute is one of Plattsburgh State's gems. Tom Moran has created an intellectual testing ground for faculty interested in transforming not only their own thinking, but the thinking of their students," said Slater. "Our dialogues are tremendously productive and touch on issues that affect faculty, students and all citizens of the modern world."

New Spam Filter Hopes to Unclutter E-Mail Inboxes

In response to the increasing volume of unsolicited junk emails (spam) and complaints about it, new controls have been implemented to campus e-mail accounts.

On Wednesday, Feb. 16, an automated spam filtering system, SpamAssassin, began intercepting spam on all faculty and staff accounts.

SpamAssassin uses a set of rules to score messages to assess the likelihood of them being junk emails. Messages that achieve a high enough score are tagged as such and filtered.

By default, all filtered spam will be placed in a folder called "FilteredSpam" in each individual's account. Users can then review such emails and delete them or file them in other folders. Messages left in these folders for two weeks will be deleted by a daily, automated process.

If you cannot find this folder in your account, you may

be using a mail client that is not configured to deal with folders on the server. If such is the case, the simplest way to check for the folder is to log in via Webmail.

If you still cannot find the folder, it means that your account has yet to receive e-mail that was scored as spam.

This configuration allows the FilteredSpam folder to serve as an effective safety net for "false positives" – email messages that are tagged as spam but are really not. However, with our current scoring rules, computing and media services staff members did not find any false positives in the months they have spent testing SpamAssassin.

While computing and media services is rolling this out for all accounts, users can choose to opt out and not have spam scored or filtered. To do so, simply go to: <http://password.plattsburgh.edu>

Senior Interns in New York Union Semester Program

Tiara Williams, a senior political science major from Bronx, N.Y., is one of only 15 students in the country to be awarded an internship in the Queens College, City University of New York Union Semester Program this spring.



Williams

As part of the program, Williams is attending classes surrounding the theme of labor unions in the United States at Queens College as well as writing articles for a union paper, advocating on behalf of the legal rights of immigrant workers, developing educational materials for adult literacy programs and researching industry trends.

"I was elated when I found out that I had received this internship," said Williams. "It is a wonderful opportunity for me, and I want to make the best of every minute of it."

Williams is very excited and optimistic about her participation in the program.

"I am getting a feel for the way that things are done," she said. "I help out around the office, and I am making pamphlets. I have also attended an executive board meeting where I observed the decision-making process on a number of important issues."

Williams is part of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at Plattsburgh State. Marlene Fields, director of EOP, is very proud of Williams' achievement.

"The receipt of this internship can certainly be viewed as a demonstration of the hard work and determination Tiara has shown towards maintaining her academic progress since she was first admitted to the EOP program," said Fields. "It is our hope that Tiara's opportunity will serve as a motivation for others to continue to reach toward their own goals and take advantage of the many opportunities that may be offered to them."

During her time at Plattsburgh State, Williams has served as the president of the Organization of Women of Ethnicity (OWE) and helped in the establishment of the annual Women's Concern Week.

After she graduates this May, Williams hopes to pursue a master's degree in public administration and then move on to law school.

New York Union Semester is an extremely competitive program. It is open to students who have completed 45 credits with a minimum GPA of 2.5. Applicants must submit a college transcript and a 500-word essay with their application.

Successful applicants receive a tuition scholarship of \$1,700 and a weekly stipend of \$210 while they work and attend classes in New York City.

Undergraduate Juried Exhibition 2005 Opens March 5

The Plattsburgh State Art Museum and senior exhibition class at Plattsburgh State will present the Undergraduate Juried Exhibition 2005, which opens on Saturday, March 5 and continues through Sunday, April 3.

The opening reception will take place Saturday, March 5 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Lobby Gallery in the Myers Fine Arts Building.

Everyone is invited to attend the reception, which is free and open to the public.

The exhibition is organized, juried and installed by the students in the senior exhibition class under the supervision of Edward Brohel, director of the Plattsburgh Art Museum.

"The Undergraduate Juried Exhibition shows the wide

variety of mediums and styles which are taught at Plattsburgh State," said Brohel. "More importantly, it exhibits the degree of accomplishment and individualism which students can attain at the College."

The exhibition features works derived from a broad range of studio art disciplines taught at Plattsburgh State including painting, drawing, graphic design, photography, sculpture, ceramics and printmaking.

The Plattsburgh Art Museum and its galleries are open seven days a week, from noon to 4 p.m., except legal holidays.

For more information about the Undergraduate Juried Exhibition, contact the Plattsburgh State Art Museum at 564-2474.

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relationships between human culture and the natural environment in local, national and global contexts."

The environmental studies major will prepare students for further environmental study in graduate school, especially those who decide to pursue a master of arts, master of professional studies or a doctoral program in environmental studies at other SUNY institutions.

According to New York State

Department of Labor projections, several environment-related fields will enjoy substantial growth over the next six years at least.

Given the 1999 creation and continued growth of the Environmental Justice Advisory Group (NYDEC), there is a pressing need for specialists who can deal with the human elements of environmental reform.

The new environmental studies program is intended to meet the

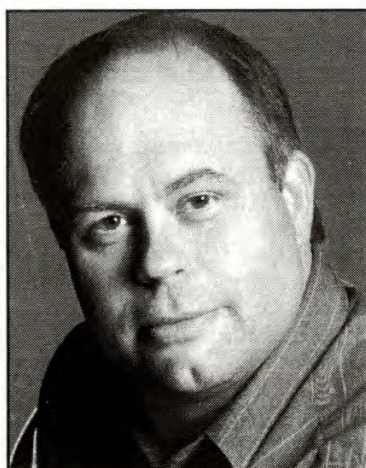
demand of this growing societal need and to begin preparing students for both state and local positions in the public sector as well as private sector jobs with environmental consulting and planning firms.

The program expands opportunities for students, adding an exciting dimension to the four environmental science majors currently offered in the Center for Earth and Environmental Science at SUNY Plattsburgh.

Dr. John Grant Comes to Campus as Next DVA

For Dr. John A. Grant, traveling to Plattsburgh should be a breeze after navigating the rovers on Mars.

Grant, a member of the science team for the Mars Exploration Rovers since 2002, will be coming to SUNY Plattsburgh as part of the Distinguished Visiting Alumnus (DVA) Program sponsored by the Plattsburgh Alumni Association.



Grant

On Thursday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m., Grant will give a public presentation, "My Other Cars are on Mars: Driving the Mars Exploration Rovers," in the Plattsburgh Room, Angell College Center. Grant will share his career choices with students, faculty and others. This presentation is free and open to the public.

Grant graduated magna cum laude in geology from SUNY Plattsburgh in 1982 and went on to earn a master's and doctorate in geology at the University of Rhode Island (1986) and Brown University (1990).

He joined the Smithsonian Institution in the fall of 2000 as a geologist at the Center for Earth and Planetary

Studies at the National Air and Space Museum.

He is a member of the Mars Exploration Rovers Science Team and is one of six science operations working group chairs.

Grant also co-chaired the science community process for selecting the landing sites for the Spirit and Opportunity Rovers.

Currently, he is mainly "in residence" at the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, Calif., working the day-to-day operations on the rovers.

After a two-year position at NASA headquarters, where he served as program scientist for the Mars Global Surveyor and now postponed Sample Return missions, Grant then accepted his current position at the Smithsonian.

Since 2001, he has also served as a co-investigator on the High Resolution Camera (HiRISE), which is to be flown on the 2005 Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, and is currently developing a ground-penetrating radar for possible deployment on a future Mars rover.

He has authored or contributed to numerous articles in many industry publications, including NASA's *Geomorphology* and *Science* magazines.

The DVA program brings alumni back to campus where they can share new ideas and become more involved in the academic mission of the college.

While on campus, Grant will be a special guest in several classes and will meet with student, faculty and staff.

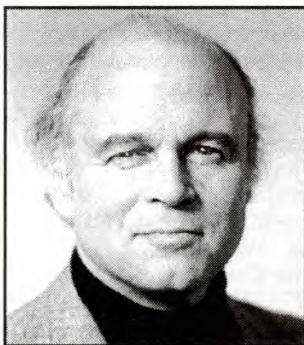
Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Alexis Levitin

In December 2004, Dr. Alexis Levitin, professor of English, had his most recent translation, the book *Guernica and Other Poems* by Carlos de Oliveira, launched in Toronto, Canada.

Published by Guernica Editions of Toronto in its "Essential Poet Series," the book is comprised of 121 poems and marks the first appearance of this leading Portuguese poet in the English language.

Oliveira published eight collections of poetry and five novels during his lifetime.

"His evident sympathy for the downtrodden labeled him as a neo-realist, but his poetry reveals an interesting mix of other influences, such as symbolism, surrealism and even cubism," said Levitin. "The ten poem sequence that gives its name to the book is a verbally cubistic, fragmented reflection and reworking of Picasso's



Levitin

famous painting."

Also in December, an elegant coffee table book, called *Whence Cometh the Name of Portugal*, was published in Portugal by ASA Editores.

This volume contains photographs, paintings, drawings and historical artifacts connected with the long history of the city of Porto, as well as

five hundred years of prose and poetry. Levitin was responsible for the translation of all the poetry and selections of prose.

Levitin has also had his translations accepted by numerous magazines including *Artful Dodge*, *Crazyhorse*, *Metamorphoses*, *Green Mountains Review* and *Crab Creek Review*.

These translations are from the Portuguese poems by Eugenio de Andrade, Gastao Cruz, Herberto Helder and Sophia de Mello Breyner Andresen.

Visual Artist March 1

Gina Bobrowski will be the next presenter in the Visual Artist Series on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Plattsburgh Room, Angell College Center.

Bobrowski is a ceramic sculptor whose work incorporates found materials, and she uses animal and human imagery to create pieces that have the intensity of dreams.

Bobrowski is a professor at the University of New Mexico. She received her BFA from Louisiana State University and her MFA from the University of Georgia.

Her work has been shown across the United States and in South Korea and Italy. Some of her pieces are also included in collections of the American Craft Museum in New York as well as museums in Missouri, Texas, Wisconsin and South Korea.

For more information, contact the Art Department at 564-2179.

The Visual Artist Series, which is sponsored by the Campus Arts Council and the Student Association, is free and open to the public.

FOCUS Calendar

Monday, Feb. 21 - Friday, March 11

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

MONDAY, FEB. 21

2 p.m. Career Development Workshop, presents "Developing a Job Portfolio," presented by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

3 p.m. Greek Leadership Series. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

6 p.m. Black History Month Dinner - by Invitation Only, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

7 p.m. Greek Future Leaders Seminar. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7:30 p.m. CDPI Film & WRAP Session, presents "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," in celebration of Black History Month. Sponsored by the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion with assistance from CAS. Admission is free and open to the campus and community. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

TUESDAY, FEB. 22

12 p.m. Learning to Learn Workshops, sponsored by Learning Center. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

12:30 p.m. Service Learning Workshops, sponsored by Center for Service Learning & Volunteerism. Angell College Center Meeting Room 2.

4:30 p.m. Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

7 p.m. Freshmen Emerging Leader Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23

12:15 p.m. Greek New Member Workshops. Angell Center Amnesty Room.

8 p.m. David Stollman's "Buy In or Get Out", sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, FEB. 24

11 a.m. CVPB Blood Drive, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

12 p.m. Career Development Workshop, presents "Organizing an Effective Job Search," presented by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

12:15 p.m. Greek Homecoming Committee Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

6 p.m. Educational Diversity Discussion, sponsored by Education Department. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

7 p.m. Greek Week Meetings. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

FRIDAY, FEB. 25

1:30 p.m. Intro. To Conducting Focus Groups Workshop, sponsored by Center for Service Learning & Volunteerism. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

4 p.m. ODK Membership Meeting. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

4 p.m. CAS Board Meeting/Dinner, sponsored by College Auxiliary Services Office. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

6 p.m. Fraternity/Sorority Planning Retreat, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Amnesty Room.

SATURDAY, FEB. 26

5 p.m. Black History Celebration, sponsored by African Unity Organization. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

SUNDAY, FEB. 27

3 p.m. Faculty Piano Recital, Piano recital by Louise Dionne, faculty, free and open to the public. Hawkins Hall Krinovitz Recital Hall.

MONDAY, FEB. 28

12:15 p.m. Greek Family Weekend Planning Committee. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

7 p.m. Greek Future Leaders Seminar. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

8 p.m. Keith Boykin-Homosexuality in the black community, sponsored by SOUL. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

12:15 p.m. Greek New Member Workshops, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Amnesty Room.

4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.

7:30 p.m. Visual Artist Series, presents Gina Bobrowski, ceramic artist. Sponsored by Art Resources. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

10 a.m. Wellness Fair, sponsored by Student Health Services. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

10 a.m. Blood Drive, sponsored by Student Health Services. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

2 p.m. Career Development Workshop, presents "Delivering a Dynamic Interview," presented by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

6 p.m. World Week, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

7:30 p.m. Annual Alternative Breaks Service Auction, sponsored by Center for Service Learning & Volunteerism. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

11 a.m. Career Development Workshop, presents "Applying to Graduate School," presented by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

8:30 p.m. New Edge Theatre

Cabaret, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell Center Warren Ballrooms.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

4 p.m. ODK Membership Meeting. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

8 p.m. Cafe International, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

3 p.m. Career Development Workshop, presents "Choosing/ Changing a Major or Career," presented by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

7 p.m. Greek Future Leaders Seminar. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

4:30 p.m. Monthly Faculty Senate Meeting. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

12 p.m. Committee on Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

12:15 p.m. Fraternity/Sorority President's Council, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7 p.m. Greek / Week Meetings. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

8 p.m. Adirondack Brass Concert, Free Concert. Hawkins Hall Krinovitz Recital Hall.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

11 a.m. Career Development Workshop, presents "Developing a Job Portfolio," presented by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

SPRING BREAK

Saturday, March 12 - Sunday, March 20.

Center for Student Health and Psychological Services Spring Groups

To register for any of the following groups, call 564-3086. All calls are strictly confidential.

Meditation Group: Wednesdays at 5 p.m. Open to the college community, this is a one-hour individual sitting meditation and discussion. All traditions and levels of experience are welcome. Location: Student Health Center Conference Room (#148).

Self Development Group: Tentatively scheduled for Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. Open to students only, this is a general psychotherapy group designed to reach a broad group of students experiencing a diverse set of issues with a common theme of having the ability to benefit from peer feedback and insight. Improve your ability to manage personal issues; expand self-awareness; build self-esteem; improve social skills; gain coping skills; and receive feedback from peers in a supportive environment. Location: Student Health Center Conference Room (#148).

The Body Image and Eating Issues Group: Fridays from 3 to 4 p.m. Open to students only, this is a support group designed to help students who are dealing with issues related to food and self-esteem. The group will combine discussion with structured activities to encourage problem solving and exploration of feelings. Location: Student Health Center Conference Room (#148).

Coming Out Support Group: Day and time to be determined. This support group, open to students only, is designed to provide a safe environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered individuals. A broad range of topics is possible and might include coming out concerns, relationship issues, self-esteem and identity development. Location: Student Health Center Conference Room (#148).

Upcoming Musical Events

Piano Recital Performance by Louise Dionne

The Music Department presents a solo piano recital by Louise Dionne on Sunday, Feb. 27 at 3 p.m. in the Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

Dionne, adjunct lecturer of music at SUNY Plattsburgh, will perform preludes and fugues by Johann Sebastian Bach, two Sonatas by Domenico Scarlatti and *Variations and Fugue, on a Theme by Handel, op.24* by Johannes Brahms.

Admission is free, and all are welcome to attend.

Performance and Workshop by the David Sanchez Group

The Music Department and Marsalis Jams present The David Sanchez Group in concert Wednesday, March 2 at 8 p.m. in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

The quintet will perform, followed by a jam session featuring student musicians. Sanchez, one of the leading voices in Afro-Caribbean jazz, represents the young dynamic jazz artists featured in *Marsalis Jams* programs. Born in Puerto Rico, Sanchez arrived in the United States in 1988. He later became the featured saxophonist in Dizzy Gillespie's last ensemble, the United Nations Orchestra. Sanchez started to record under his own name in 1995 and has released six albums to date in the Columbia label.

The group will also host a "Meet the Artists" panel on Tuesday, March 1 at 7 p.m. in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium. The panel session will be followed by a workshop that is designed to form stronger links among school-age musicians, student audiences and the best of today's active jazz ensembles.

Adirondack Brass Quintet Performs March 10

The Music Department presents the Adirondack Brass Quintet Concert Thursday, March 10 at 8 p.m. in the Krinovitz Recital Hall in Hawkins Hall. The ensemble will play an array of music including Ewald's *Quintet*, *La Rose Nuptiale* by Lavallee, the traditional *Londonderry Air*, works by Stephen Foster, as well as a selection of 16th century pieces. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.

For more information on these events, contact the Music Department at 564-2180.

EOP Summer Employment

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) is seeking a program coordinator and tutor-counselors for the 2005 Summer Program. The program will run from June 27 to Aug. 5. The program coordinator will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the program's activities. The salary is \$1,600. Tutor/counselors will provide tutoring in math, writing and/or reading to pre-freshmen and serve as resident assistants. The salary for the tutor/counselors is \$1,350. Free room and board will be provided for both positions.

Applications are available at the EOP Office, 103 Algonquin Hall. Review of applications and interviews will begin on March 28 and continue until all positions are filled. For more information, call the EOP Office at 564-2263. EOP is an equal opportunity employer.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? Next CDPI Film and WRAP Session

The Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion will hold its next film presentation and WRAP session on Monday Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center. In celebration of Black History Month, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn, will be shown. The movie gives a 1960's spin on a white couple whose daughter brings her black fiance home for dinner. The film will be followed by a short intermission and WRAP discussion session. The event is free and open to the public.

Greek Organizations Perform Community Service

The fall semester was certainly a busy time for most fraternities and sororities at SUNY Plattsburgh. Together, the Greek community performed nearly 1,900 hours of community service and raised more than \$1,938 for different charities.

Sigma Tau Gamma (Sig Tau) fraternity led the way in the area of community service with a total of 505 hours. Alpha Chi Rho (AXP) contributed a total of 239 hours. For the sororities, the members of Alpha Phi contributed 393 hours, and the sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon (D Phi E) gave 190 hours of their time to helping the community.

D Phi E raised the most money, \$416, for their two charities -- the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD). Zeta Beta Tau (ZBT) fraternity raised \$310 for its charity, Children's Miracle Network.

Chelsea Donovan, D Phi E member, said she is very proud of her sorority's efforts.

"Our chapter works hard to plan events and raise money," she said. "We are always happy to give back to the community in any way we can."

Coordinator of the Center for Greek Affairs, Allison Swick-Duttine, believes that Greek organizations' ability to perform in the areas of community service and philanthropy is vital for their continued success.

"One of the greatest strengths of our fraternities and sororities is their commitment to college and community service," said Swick-Duttine. "Students interested in joining a fraternity or sorority should ask a lot of questions about the



Members of Zeta Beta Tau at the "Up 'Til Dawn" fundraising event last semester to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

types and frequency of service in order to make an informed decision. Specific statistical information on each group is available in the Center for Greek Affairs."

Some of the upcoming community service events planned for this spring include the second annual Greek Alternative Spring Break trip to Pursglove, West Virginia; Healthy Eating Awareness Week from April 4 to 8; and the Interfraternity Council's hosting of the Annual National Alcohol Screening in collaboration with the Center for Student Health and Psychological Services at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6.



More than 40 students from 11 area high schools participated in the High School Emerging Leaders Program sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society. The program is designed to recognize, promote and nurture future community leaders. The day-long annual interactive campus conference was coordinated by Michael Cashman, ODK member and Student Association president, with the help of Lisa Long, ODK Circle president, David Chrostowski, circle treasurer, Asha Boynowski, circle vice president, and ODK members Alyssa Amyotte, Tyrone Ridley and Michael Villanue. Presenters during the conference included Greg McGrath, Shawn McElwain, Azilla Clark, J.W. Wiley and William Laundry.



Sodexho Campus Services has made a generous contribution to the College through the Plattsburgh College Foundation. Seen here, presenting a check for \$10,000 to President John Ettling (left), is Pat Spellman, general manager of Sodexho Campus Services at SUNY Plattsburgh (right). Ettling thanked Sodexho for its long history of generous support. "Sodexho generously supports the College, including its academic programs as well as extracurricular activities," he said. "This latest gift is an example of the many ways Sodexho gives back to the campus. I'd like to thank Sodexho for its support of the College." The gift will support each of the College's three academic divisions as well as a Community Service Scholar.

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Dr. Colin Read Named New SBE Dean



Dr. Colin Read

Dr. Colin Read has been named dean of the School of Business and Economics (SBE) effective June 1.

Read is coming to Plattsburgh from Central Connecticut State in New Britain where he has been the dean of the School of Business since 2004.

Prior to that, he was an associate dean at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

"I'm very pleased that Dr. Read has accepted our invitation to come to Plattsburgh as the new SBE dean," said SUNY Plattsburgh President John Ettling. "Dr. Read has an impressive resume and will be an excellent leader for our vibrant School of Business and Economics. I'd like to thank the members of the search committee for their hard and thoughtful work throughout the search process."

Read said that he is looking forward to his new role in leading the School of Business and Economics.

"I am excited about the prospects of joining the SBE at SUNY Plattsburgh," said Read. "The school recognizes its contribution to teaching the region's sons and daughters and the important role it plays in the economic future of

Plattsburgh and Northern New York State.

"New links between the College and the region are truly partnerships with the school standing to benefit by bringing real life business experiences into the classroom as the faculty and staff in turn take their insights and knowledge into the business community. I believe our size and composition will allow us to develop some programs of true distinction that are valued and appreciated by the community. I am very much looking forward to helping make that happen," said Read.

As dean, Read will work with the faculty to develop and maintain a shared vision of the school's future and provide leadership in curriculum and program development.

His role will also include maintaining and strengthening ties with the North Country business community and to play an active role in advancement and development efforts. He will encourage and assist faculty commitment to teaching, research and service.

The dean reports to the provost and has significant campus and community responsibilities beyond academic areas.

"Dr. Read comes to SUNY Plattsburgh with considerable experience in the field of business and economics," said Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "He will play an important role as the School of Business and Economics develops its curriculum at the

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Social Work Department Receives Reaccreditation

The Social Work Program at SUNY Plattsburgh has received reaccreditation from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the national accrediting body for all social work programs in the United States.

This accreditation has been granted for an eight-year period that began last month and will continue until Feb. 2013. The program was first accredited in 2001.

Dr. Lynne Soine, associate professor and chair of the social work department, along with the entire fac-

ulty and staff of the department worked on the reaccreditation process.

The involvement and support of the executives and staff of the regional human service agencies were also instrumental in the reaccreditation.

Soine is optimistic about the opportunities that the reaccreditation will provide for current students in the social work program.

"This reaccreditation proves that our program provides high quality preparation for our students," said

Soine. "Unlike those from unaccredited schools, our students will be able to get their master's in social work in one year instead of two."

Another benefit of the program's reaccreditation is that its students are offered membership in the National Association of Social Workers (NASW).

This is the largest and most recognized membership organization of professional social workers in the world.

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Jim Murphy Newest Member of Technical Assistance Center

Economic Development Specialist Jim Murphy is the newest member of the Technical Assistance Center (TAC-SUNY) at SUNY Plattsburgh.

Murphy came to Plattsburgh State after serving for nearly seven years as project coordinator and associate director at the Merwin Rural Services Institute (MRSI) at SUNY Potsdam.

Murphy believes that TAC-SUNY serves a very vital purpose at Plattsburgh State.

"In many ways, the center helps to connect the College's resources to the community's needs whenever possible," he said. "We focus on job creation and retention and we incorporate faculty expertise to help our clients."

Along with the center's objective to stimulate economic growth of the 16 counties of Northern New York through its umbrella of technical assistance, applied research and information services, Murphy has some personal goals that he brings to the position.

"I hope to take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about industries in the Clinton County area," said Murphy. "I also want to ensure that the community becomes aware of the services available through the center. Thirdly, I hope that we can develop corporative projects with programs on campus like the Small Business Development Center and other groups dealing with job creation."

TAC-SUNY is currently developing several projects. These include the development of a broadband network to serve the Adirondack region. This fiber network system will provide capacity that will allow local businesses in Clinton, Essex and Franklin counties to thrive using the most innovative technology.

The center is also working on tourism feasibility studies. These studies will help in the development of strategies to extend the tourist season in the region and to improve



Murphy

the skills and pay of those involved in the industry.

A third project that TAC-SUNY is working on is an ongoing study that seeks to determine the economic value of SUNY Plattsburgh to the community. According to Murphy, the last study showed the college's value to the surrounding area to be in excess of \$300 million.

"This includes factors like jobs for community members, rent paid by off-campus students and student spending to name a few," he said. "This study is important because people often place so much emphasis on the cost of higher education, they neglect its value."

TAC-SUNY at Plattsburgh is a member of the University Center Program of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA). This is one of only two centers in New York State. The other is the Local Government Program at Cornell University.

TAC is a part of Plattsburgh State's School of Business and Economics and regularly draws upon the resources of the College to fulfill its mission.

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graduate level, expands its outreach internationally and builds closer ties with the local community."

SBE has approximately 30 full-time faculty members and contains five academic departments: accounting; economics and finance; management and international business; marketing and entrepreneurship; and hotel, restaurant and tourism management. These programs enroll nearly 1,000 undergraduate students on an annual basis.

The school is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International) and has a strong international focus and commitment to regional economic development. The Technical Assistance Center and the Small Business Development Center are associated with the business school, which is also responsible for coordinating the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program.

Read has been a teacher, researcher and administrator in higher education for more than 20 years. He began his teaching career while a research student at the London School of Economics. He continued as a research associate at the Harvard Institute for International Development and Harvard MIT Joint Center for Housing Studies as he com-

pleted his Ph.D. in Economics from Queen's University in Ontario, Canada.

He also taught at Clark University in Worcester, Mass. before beginning his 15-year tenure at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks (UAF). Upon retiring as professor emeritus from UAF, Read joined the business school at Central Connecticut State University as its dean to prepare for AACSB accreditation.

Read holds a master of accountancy degree in taxation from the University of Tulsa, a master of business administration from the University of Alaska, a juris doctorate degree from the School of Law at the University of Connecticut and master's and doctorate degrees in economics from Queens University in Kingston, Ontario. He earned his undergraduate degree in physics and economics from Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, British Columbia.

His administrative roles have included dean, associate dean, special assistant to the president, faculty president and graduate program director. He has a strong record of research and has authored numerous papers that have appeared in scholarly journals. Recent research topics have included tax policy and market competitiveness, economics and the environment and remedies in patent law.

Center for Lifelong Learning to Close in July

The Center for Lifelong Learning at SUNY Plattsburgh will be closed effective July 1.

In an effort to try to consolidate various services, the College is looking to eliminate duplication of functions in offices throughout campus.

"This is an attempt to streamline operations on campus," said Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "We are hoping to operate as effectively as possible within a limited budget."

The various functions and employees of the Center for Lifelong Learning will be re-assigned to other offices on campus:

- The Distance Learning programs that include online classes through the SUNY Learning Network and Angel, will be provided by Library and Information Services as of July 1.
- Summer and winter sessions, which offer flexibility

and a wide range of unique programs, will be the responsibility of the Registrar's Office.

- Testing services, including CLEP, DANTES and the New York University Language exams, will be moved to Academic Advising.

- Non-credit programming will be moved to the Special Events Office at College Auxiliary Services.

- The marketing functions related to these programs will move to the Office of Institutional Advancement.

Golden said that the College is looking to develop new professional development programs under the leadership of Dr. Colin Read, the incoming dean of the School of Business and Economics.

"The College is committed to assisting the professional development needs of individuals in the region," said Golden. "We will be exploring new approaches to help meet these needs."

Center for Leadership Development Seeks to Motivate Students

The Center for Leadership Development at SUNY Plattsburgh provides numerous services geared at helping students to improve the skills they need to live, work and lead both on campus and in the community.

The center, which is part of the Greek Affairs and Leadership Development Office, recently received its own office space in room 202 in the Angell College Center.

According to Michael Cashman, graduate assistant in the Office of Greek Affairs and Leadership Development, the center is interested in helping students to reach their full potential.

"We seek to give students the opportunity to get involved," said Cashman. "As a result, we encourage them to develop through the many programs that are provided by the Center for Leadership Development."

One very successful program facilitated by the Center is the Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar. This is a series of modules designed to expose first-year students to topics of leadership. The program allows for discussion and provides leadership exercises targeted at freshmen needs.

The Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar encouraged the addition another program offered through the Center. The Leadership Certification Program (LCP) is made up of lectures, roundtable discussions and workshops that give students a better understanding of core issues and topics that relate to leadership.



Last fall, participants of the Center's G.O.L.D. (Growth Opportunities in Leadership Development) Weekend Retreat spent two days at Twin Valley's in Lewis, N.Y.

"The LCP was created when students participating in the Emerging Leaders Seminar wanted more after they completed the eight-week program," said Cashman. "Since then, students, faculty and staff have committed to the program, and it has been very successful thus far."

The Leadership Development Center also facilitates personalized group team building activities for various clubs and groups around campus. It co-hosts the Student Associations' Leadership Conference and organizes the Growth Opportunities in Leadership Development (G.O.L.D.) Weekend, which is a two-day retreat held at Twin Valleys that helps students to discover who they are and what motivates them.

The center also offers a three-credit course, Understanding Leaders and Leadership (CLG 210), and provides a resource library that both students and faculty wishing to explore leadership issues can use.

According to Cashman, the center is constantly improving to serve the campus.

"The strength of this office is its ability to serve the day-to-day needs of the campus," he said. "We see leadership as a process, and it happens when people allow themselves to have diverse interests and to be challenged to embrace change."

For more information about programs offered through the Center for Leadership Development, contact the office at 564-2059.

Alternative Spring Break

Nearly 40 students at SUNY Plattsburgh will give up partying at the beach for spring break. In exchange, they will head to seven different locations March 12-19 to engage in various community service activities through the Alternative Spring Break Program.

This program has been in existence at Plattsburgh State since 1994. Each year, the Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism gives students the opportunity to volunteer during what is usually a week vacation for college students.

"Every trip is a new learning experience," said Alyssa Amyotte, a senior who will be going on her eighth trip this March. "It is the opportunity to help outside the community that you live in."

Volunteers will be working in Jackson, Tenn., and Bridgeport, Conn., with Habitat for Humanity building homes for low-income families. In Bridgeton, N.J., students will work with at-risk pre-school and Head Start programs. Other students will be working in Baltimore, MD., at a soup kitchen, in Pursglove, W. Va., at the Shack, a community center, and Mount Rogers, Va., to do environmental conservation work such as trail clearing, building bridge areas and re-routing streams off of trails. In Greenfield, N.H., students will work at a school with children with disabilities.

"Going on this trip gives me the opportunity to give back to others what I have been fortunate enough to already have," said Ian Finisterre a residence assistant and student association senator, who will be a site leader on the Bridgeton, NJ. trip. "Giving to others helps you develop as a person."

Several staff members will also travel to some of the locations with the students. Allison Swick-Duttine, coordinator of greek affairs, will travel to Pursglove, W. Va., and Steve Matthews, assistant for the vice president of student affairs and coordinator of judicial affairs and orientation, will be going to Jackson, Tenn for the eleventh time.

Cori Matthews, director of the Center for Service learning and Volunteerism and coordinator of the Alternative Spring Break Program, said that the travel aspect entices students to volunteer for community service.

"We hope the students come back with a better understanding of societal issues and actively participate in community service projects in the Plattsburgh community when they return to campus," said Matthews.

-- Aimee McCauley, PR Intern



Paul Kelly, SUNY Plattsburgh senior, from Peabody, Mass., was honored at the final regular season home game with the 14th Annual Sodexho/Cardinal Hockey Fan Favorite Award. Debbie Christian, Clinton Dining Hall manager, handed out the award given to the player voted by Cardinal Hockey fans to be their favorite. Voting takes place at home games throughout the season.



Dr. John Grant '82 returned to campus as part of the Distinguished Visiting Alumnus Program sponsored by the Alumni Association. Grant joined the Smithsonian Institution in the fall of 2000 as a geologist at the Center for Earth and Planetary Studies at the National Air and Space Museum. He is a member of the Mars Exploration Rovers Science Team and is one of six science operations working group chairs. Currently, he is mainly "in residence" at the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, Calif., working the day-to-day operations on the rovers. While on campus, he gave several guest lectures as well as a presentation on his work with the Mars Exploration Rovers.

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The NASW seeks to promote, protect and develop the practice of social work and social workers.

According to Soine, the accrediting body is requiring changes in the curriculum of social work programs throughout the country to emphasize more international content.

"In that aspect, we were already ahead of the game," she said. "Our program has always encompassed international coursework and comparative social policy."

Soine believes the reaccreditation will affect more than just the students and faculty in the program.

"When our students serve during internships, their supervisors are guaranteed that our students are competent in their field," she said.

Dr. Robert Golden, SUNY Plattsburgh provost and vice president for academic affairs, congratulated the social work department.

"The reaccreditation without conditions of the social work program is a

tribute to the strength of the faculty and the quality of the department's leadership," said Golden. "I want to thank the department for the hard work they put into being reaccredited. Social work is another example of the high quality education Plattsburgh offers to students."

The social work program has been part of the SUNY Plattsburgh curriculum since 1994. Since then, 221 students have graduated with an undergraduate degree in social work.

Student Profile: Introducing Lindsey Jakiel

Taking chances is nothing new for Lindsey Jakiel, a senior from Buffalo, N.Y. Her drive, hard work, determination and open mind have allowed her to succeed and develop at SUNY Plattsburgh.

Jakiel, a double major in speech communications and Canadian studies, was so confident this was where she belonged that Plattsburgh State was the only school she applied to.



Jakiel

"It just felt right for me. I remember my mom looking at me and saying, 'wow, you really like it here' and I replied, 'yeah, I really do.'" said Jakiel. "Not only was I going to the school that was right for me, I was just so happy."

Jakiel operates on a very busy schedule. Currently, she is a tour guide with the Admissions Office, a peer recruiter at International Student Services and the president of Theta Alpha Lambda (Thalians) Sorority. She is also a former member of Kickline. Even with all of those extra responsibilities, she will be graduating magna cum laude this May.

She is a member of Lambda Pi Eta, national communications honor society, as well as two Greek honor societies, Order of Omega and Gamma Sigma Alpha. She is a presidential scholar, Killam Foundation Fellow and has also been awarded the Plattsburgh Alumni Scholarship, College Foundation Board Scholarship, WVNY- Excellence in Mass Media Scholarship and the Lawrence and Stasia Arcarese Scholarship.

Jakiel highly values the education she has received.

"Four years ago, I made the best decision of my life. I can't imagine going anywhere else," she said. "I really enjoy the open atmosphere and the one-on-one attention I receive."

She strongly believes that the faculty and staff look out for the student's best interests. Dr. David Mowry, distinguished teaching professor and director of the Honors Program, encouraged her to study abroad in Canada for one year.

"At first I didn't want to be away for a year," said Jakiel. "Yet, Dr. Mowry had my best interests in mind and truly felt that this would be a good experience for me, and it was."

It didn't take Jakiel long to say that Dr. Sylvie Beaudreau, associate professor of history and Canadian studies, is her favorite professor.

This semester, Jakiel is doing her first independent study on the political history of modern Quebec under Beaudreau's supervision. She has also enjoyed taking international communication as well as media and popular culture with Dr. Shakuntala Rao, associate professor of communication and Asian studies.

Jakiel's advice to students is to take advantage of the opportunities at SUNY Plattsburgh. "There are so many opportunities here," she said. "I wish all students would take everything they possibly can away with them."

After Jakiel graduates, she is planning on obtaining a master's degree in student affairs in higher education. Jakiel would like to be a Greek affairs coordinator or work in an admissions department at a college.

-- Jennifer Vargas, PR Intern

Spotlight on faculty and staff

Dr. Bob Davis, professor and senior research scientist at the Auditory Research Laboratories, Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences, **Dr. Wei Qiu**, senior research scientist at the Auditory Research Laboratories, and **Dr. Roger Hamernik**, professor and director of the Auditory Research Laboratories, published an article entitled "Sensitivity of Distortion Product Otoacoustic Emissions in Noise-Exposed Chinchillas" which appeared

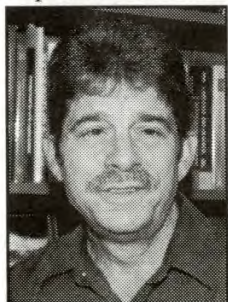
in the latest edition of the Journal of the American Audiology Association.

Diane Fine, professor of art, has her work on exhibit in The Boston Printmakers North American Print Biennial at Boston University and the Eighteenth Parkside National Small Print Exhibition at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Last December, The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee acquired several of her artist books for their Rare Books and Special Collections in the Golda Meir Library. This month, a solo exhibition of her work titled, "Torrents and Tributaries," is showing at AR Gallery in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Dr. Patricia Higgins, associate vice president for academic affairs and distinguished service professor of anthropology, had her article,

"Interviewing Iranian Immigrant Parents and Adolescents," published in the journal, *Iranian Studies*. It's a special issue on ethnographic fieldwork in Iran.

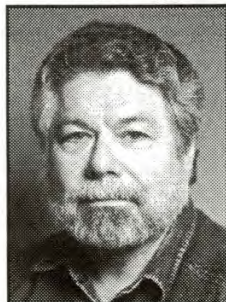
Michael Miranda, librarian and academic coordinator in Sports and Wellness, has become chair of the NCAA Division III Management Council. Miranda's NCAA service includes chair of the Division III strategic planning committee; administrative committee, and convention planning subcommittee. Service on association-wide committees includes chair of the research committee; data analysis research network; and strategic planning task force. Additional NCAA service concurrent with term as Division III management council chair includes executive committee; marketing committee; and championships committee.



Davis



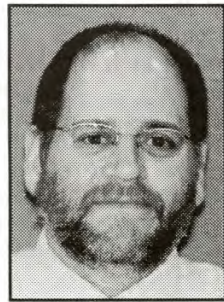
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FOCUS Calendar

Friday, March 4 - Saturday, April 2

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

4 p.m. ODK Membership Meeting. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

8 p.m. Cafe International, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

10 p.m. Syrus of the "Real World", sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

10 a.m. Diversity Enlightenment Session, part of the Presidential Inauguration Series. Open to campus and community. For large groups, please RSVP to 56-5410. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

3 p.m. Career Development Workshop, presents "Choosing/Changing a Major or Career." Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

4 p.m. CAS Executive Committee Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

7 p.m. Greek Future Leaders Seminar. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

4:30 p.m. Monthly Faculty Senate Meeting. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.

4:30 p.m. "Walking in Two Worlds", a presentation by Cuban Musician Pablo Menendez. Sponsored by Latin American Studies. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

12 p.m. Committee on Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

12:15 p.m. Fraternity/Sorority President's Council, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center

Cardinal Lounge.

7 p.m. Greek Week Meetings. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

8 p.m. Adirondack Brass Concert. Free Concert. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

11 a.m. Career Development Workshop, presents "Developing a Job Portfolio," presented by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

SPRING BREAK

Saturday, March 12 - Sunday, March 20.

MONDAY, MARCH 21

3 p.m. Greek Leadership Series. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7 p.m. Greek Future Leaders Seminar. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

7:30 p.m. Visual Artist Series, sponsored by Campus Arts Council. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

10 a.m. Career Development Workshop, presents "Choosing/Changing a Major or Career," presented by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

12:15 p.m. Greek New Member Workshops. Angell Center Amnesty Room.

4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

7 p.m. Freshmen Emerging Leader Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

12:15 p.m. Greek Strategic Planning Meeting, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 4.

12:30 p.m. Service Learning Workshops, sponsored by Center for Service Learning & Volunteerism. Angell College Center Meeting Room 2.

7 p.m. CDPI Film and W.R.A.P. Session, presents "When Harry Met Sally." Sponsored by the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion and College Auxiliary Services. Admission is FREE. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

8 a.m. Violence Prevention Coordinating Council, open meeting. Come discuss efforts to end violence against women both on and off campus, as part of a coordinated community response. Sponsored by the PSU Office of Violence Prevention. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

4 p.m. ODK Membership Meeting. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

MONDAY, MARCH 28

6 p.m. Panel-Discussion on Religion, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

7 p.m. Greek Future Leaders Seminar. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

12:30 p.m. Service Learning Workshops, sponsored by Center for Service Learning & Volunteerism. Angell College Center Meeting Room 2.

3 p.m. Career Development Workshop, presents "Preparing for a Career Fair." Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

7 p.m. Freshmen Emerging Leader Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.

8 p.m. Society of Success & Leadership, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom A.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

8 p.m. Latino Conference Talent Show, sponsored by El

Pueblo. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

12:15 p.m. Greek Opening Weekend Committee, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Meeting Room 8.

7 p.m. Greek Week Meetings, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

8 p.m. Speaker/Author: Da Chen, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

8 a.m. Crossing Borders 2005, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Canada. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7 p.m. 4th Annual Mr. Plattsburgh Competition, sponsored by T.A.W.S. Tickets: \$2 general admission, payable at the door. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

10 p.m. Beach Party, sponsored by El Pueblo. Tickets on sale at the Angell College Center Desk, price to be announced. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

8 p.m. CVOS Concert/Choral Union Concert. Tickets prices TBA. Tickets will be on sale at the Angell College Center Desk for SA Members only. All other tickets will be sold at the door and through CVOS members. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

10 p.m. PSU Late Night presents Def Poet J. Ivy, sponsored by the Campus Life Office with support from the Student Association. Angell College Center Flynt Commons.

10 p.m. AKEBA Trio Party, hosted by AKEBA -- the Black Student Union. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

Visual Artist Presentation March 21

Martha Castillo will be the next presenter in the Visual Artist Series at SUNY Plattsburgh on Monday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.

Castillo is a painter, originally from Massachusetts, who currently resides in Palo Alto, Calif. Her work incorporates multiple layers of collage elements, found objects and acrylic paint and results in canvases rich in texture and color.

"I attempt to make work which grows in complexity as it is viewed," said Castillo. "I have come to view color and texture and text as sides of a triangle: my geometry for decoding the simplicities and illuminating the complexities of my world."

Castillo received her bachelor's of fine arts in theater at Boston University and her master's in art theater from the College of Notre Dame in Belmont, Calif.

She is a frequent prizewinner and has exhibited extensively both in and outside of California. She has had more than 20 solo exhibitions since 1999.

As an active member of the Women's Caucus for Art and the Pacific Art League of Palo Alto, Castillo serves on gallery and exhibition committees and teaches art to children and adults. She also donates work annually to the acclaimed KTEH Public Television Art Auction in San Jose, Calif.

The Visual Artist Series is sponsored by the Campus Arts Council and the Student Association and is free and open to the public. For further information, contact the Plattsburgh State Art Department at 564-2179.

Annual World Week Celebration

SUNY Plattsburgh is holding its annual World Week celebration Monday, Feb. 28 to Friday, March 4 under the theme, "The End Of The World As We Know It." The celebration provides an opportunity for the campus and the Plattsburgh community to celebrate the diverse cultures at SUNY Plattsburgh.

The week's activities included a discussion titled, "Ethnicities Around the World -The Other Struggle" hosted by the Organization of Women of Ethnicity (OWE) on Tuesday, March 1. On Thursday, March 3, the Afro-Brazilian Capoeira group hosted a workshop for campus and community members. Capoeira is a form of martial arts that incorporates acrobatic and dance movements as well as music. The workshop was followed by a presentation by the New Edge Theater Cabaret.

The World Week celebration culminates on Friday, March 4 with "Cafe International," which will showcase aspects of the various cultures at Plattsburgh State. This event is free and open to the public. Following "Cafe International," there will be an "End of the World Party," featuring live disk jockeys from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center. Tickets are \$3 for general admission and \$2 for SUNY Plattsburgh students with proper ID.

Sodexho Campus Services has served a variety of ethnic entrees and desserts from around the world during the week in the Clinton and Algonquin dining halls.

For more information on World Week, contact the Plattsburgh State Multicultural Programming Office of Campus Life at (518) 564-3824.

Weeklong Womyn's Festival Begins March 21

Its name has changed, but the focus remains the same for this year's Womyn's Festival (formerly known as Women's Concerns Week). The annual weeklong celebration at SUNY Plattsburgh focuses on the social, cultural and economical struggle and success of women.

The festival, presented by the Organization of Women of Ethnicity (OWE) and the Center for Women's Concerns, will run from Monday through Saturday, March 21-26 with the theme, "Celebrating Diversity Through Culture, Love, Honor, Unity and Womynhood."

According to OWE's president, Deven Tribble, a senior criminal justice major from Brooklyn, N.Y., the celebration was started last year in an effort to encourage women to be proactive about their lives.

"The goal of the Womyn's Festival is to get a diverse group of women together," said Tribble. "We want women to feel comfortable talking to other women, and we want them to learn to understand themselves and each other."

Tribble said that the festival does not try to exclude men in any way.

"We want men to come to the festival too," she said. "We encourage them to learn about the issues that many women face in the world today."

Tribble believes that the week's events will serve as a strong example of OWE's mission on the Plattsburgh State campus.

"When OWE started, it was founded by women who were looking for ways to help their peers find answers," she said. "Our events and presentations during the Womyn's Festival go hand in hand with our goal of giving women a voice on this campus."

Some of the events planned for this year's festival include a meeting titled, "Womyn and Social Security," on **Monday, March 21 at 8 p.m.** in the Amnesty Room, Angell College Center. This event is free and open to the public.

On Thursday, March 24, there will be an open discussion, "Men say this -- Womyn think that" at 8 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center. This event is also free and open to the public.

On Friday, March 25, OWE will host its annual formal, "A Night Under the Stars" in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center, beginning at 7 p.m. This event costs \$6 for singles and \$10 for couples.

On Saturday, March 26, at 6 p.m. in the Warren Ballrooms, there will be a concert with special guests, Ubaka Hill and Kahi King. This event is free and open to the public.

The Womyn's Festival is co-sponsored by College Auxiliary Services (CAS), the Wellness Center, the Women's Studies Department, Saturday Late Night Team, Men Increasing Awareness (MIA) and the NAACP.

For more information, contact the Plattsburgh State Student Association at 564-3200.

Diversity Enlightenment Through CDPI Program

The Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion (CDPI) has been reaching out to students, faculty and the Plattsburgh community for more than four years through programs such as Diversity Enlightenment Sessions.

"Diversity Enlightenment is an innovative approach to diversity education that challenges individuals to consider the reasons they may interpret the world as they do," said J.W. Wiley, director of CDPI and lecturer of philosophy and minority studies.

With the leadership of Wiley, CDPI has led nearly 10,000 participants on an educational journey through diversity.

Wiley began giving sessions in March 2001 with a goal of educating people about diversity and helping people interpret diversity in a positive way.

"The sessions allow students to understand that diversity impacts everything around you," said Michael Cashman, Student Association president and graduate student in counselor education. "Diversity should be a topic that is discussed on a daily basis."

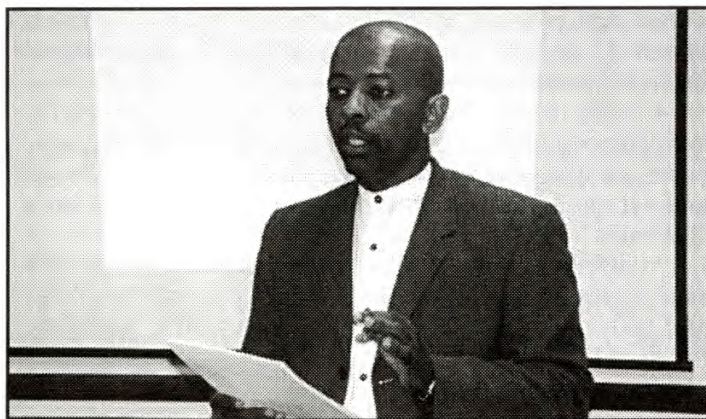
Many businesses and organizations including the City of Plattsburgh administration, Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Joint Council for Economic Opportunity and the United States Customs Border Patrol have enlisted and participated in enlightenment sessions.

Wiley said that these sessions have a wide range of benefits for businesses.

"Through these sessions, businesses now have a more sophisticated understanding of the concept of diversity," said Wiley. "They now can articulate diversity as pertinent to their organization and are poised to begin celebrating the various aspects of diversity that we might be more apt to celebrate if we were enlightened about diversity."

CDPI also holds enlightenment sessions for campus groups including residence assistants, orientation leaders, Upward Bound participants and the Greek organizations.

"I believe it's important for new members to explore the issues of diversity early in collaboration within their organization, the fraternity/sorority community and the



J.W. Wiley has presented his diversity enlightenment session to nearly 10,000 participants in the last four years.

greater Plattsburgh State campus community," said Allison Swick-Duttine, coordinator of Greek Affairs and Leadership Development.

A Diversity Enlightenment session will be held for the campus community on Monday, March 7 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall. This session is open to everyone and admission is free. Please R.S.V.P. for large groups at 564-5410.

This session is part of the Presidential Inauguration series of events throughout the spring semester.

CDPI hosts an abundance of other diversity education programs including the Film Series and WRAP sessions, T.E.A.M. Mentoring Program and faculty discussion panels.

"The Film Series and WRAP sessions engage students by using a medium they are comfortable with," said Wiley. "These events allow participants to share their perspectives, which demonstrates to all in attendance how differently each person sees the world," said Wiley.

For more information on all of CDPI programming, contact the center at 564-5410.

-- Aimee McCauley, PR Intern

Planning for President's Inauguration in High Gear

The Inauguration for President John Ettling is fast approaching and plans for the investiture ceremony on Saturday, April 16 are well on their way.

The day will begin with a luncheon for invited guests at Algonquin Dining Hall on campus.

Faculty and staff will meet at the Angell College Center in the Plattsburgh Room and Cardinal Lounge to robe for the ceremony at 2:15 p.m.

The procession will walk from Angell College Center to Memorial Hall for the ceremony, which will begin in the gym at 3 p.m.

Dr. Douglas Skopp, distinguished teaching professor of history and presiding officer of the faculty, will be the master of ceremonies. Several dignitaries are scheduled to speak including Assemblyman Chris Ortloff, Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward and Plattsburgh Mayor Dan Stewart.



Ettling

SUNY Chancellor Robert King will present Ettling with the Presidential Medallion. Ettling will then give his inaugural address.

Additional speakers will include Donald Garrant '57, chair of the College Council; Michael Cashman, president of the Student Association; and Douglas Sloan '91, president of the Alumni Association.

A reception will be held in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center, immediately following the ceremony where guests will have the opportunity to congratulate Plattsburgh State's 10th president.

Members of the campus community will be receiving an invitation to the inauguration ceremony. Faculty members are strongly encouraged to take part in the ceremony on April 16. For more information, contact Keith Tyo, executive assistant to the president, at 564-3930.

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Applications, Acceptances Ahead of Last Year

SUNY Plattsburgh is witnessing an increase in the number of admission applications for the fall 2005 semester.

As of March 21, 552 more applications were received than in 2003 and 903 more applications, an 18 percent increase, when compared to last year at this time. Acceptances are also running well ahead of last year.



Spring Open House will be Saturday, April 16.

Rich Higgins '76 G'78, director of admissions, said that this year's increase is, in part, a result from a decision to promote Plattsburgh State in a number of external markets and from the combined efforts of a very determined and dedicated admissions staff.

The admissions staff has concentrated their recruitment travel efforts in growth regions within the state and has also kept pace with the ever-expanding e-communications from prospective students and their parents.

Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said this boost in applications says a lot about the College.

"We are happy with the increase in applications to SUNY Plattsburgh," said Golden. "We believe this increase is indicative of the strong academic programs and the supportive environment for students that this College provides."

While Higgins and Golden are pleased with the results thus far, they maintain that there is still a great deal to be done.

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Communication Studies to Launch Four Majors

Beginning this fall, the Mass Communication and Speech Communication programs at SUNY Plattsburgh will merge to form what will be known as the Communication Studies Program.

This new program will offer students four new majors to choose from including: communications studies; business and professional communication; TV-video production/broadcast journalism; and audio-radio/digital media production.

"The new communication majors will keep our communications program current in an environment of rapid change in technology and in people's expectations for the media," said Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "The new majors also give students

the ability to focus their interests and develop greater depth in their field."

The program also includes seven different concentrations ranging from advertising to audio-radio production.

"The new majors provide students with a more concentrated area of study," said Peter Ensel '80, associate professor and chair of the communications department. "This will ultimately bring students better success in their careers."

The four majors will take the former mass communications and speech communications majors and define them into four specific career paths.

"The term 'speech communication' is outdated in the discipline," said Dr. Lori Walters-Kramer, assistant professor and coordinator for the communication studies major. "The term



Ensel

does not capture what people in the field actually do. Speech includes small group communication, interpersonal communications and media."

Along with the new majors and concentrations, the program will offer

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Partnership Forged Between Adirondack Experience and NOLS

The Adirondack Experience Program at SUNY Plattsburgh has formed a partnership with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) to allow SUNY Plattsburgh students to receive academic credit for courses taken with NOLS.

Dr. Lawrence Soroka, director of the Adirondack Experience, said the partnership is made possible through the College's Study Abroad Program and the new Expeditionary Studies Major offered by the Adirondack Experience Program.

"The NOLS is one of the leading organizations in adventure leadership education," said Soroka. "This could not have come at a better time for Plattsburgh State because we have just been approved to begin offering our new major, Expeditionary Studies, which will enroll its first students this fall."

Soroka is very optimistic about the joint venture between SUNY Plattsburgh and the NOLS.

"This affiliation shows Plattsburgh State's continued commitment to the goals of adventure education," he said.

As part of the newly formed partnership, SUNY Plattsburgh will host the NOLS bus visit on Tuesday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Amite Plaza and from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Hawkins Hall.

Powered by recycled vegetable oil and solar power, this educational program on wheels will provide an active, environmentally conscious way for the campus and the community to learn about the NOLS's educational program for outdoor skills and leadership. The bus is sponsored by Silk™, the makers of organic soymilk.

There will also be a multimedia presentation, "The Long Walk 2004" by NOLS instructor, Dave Anderson, at 7:30 p.m. in Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

This event is sponsored by the Adirondack Experience Program and College Auxiliary Services and is free and open to the public.

The presentation will include a lecture and slide show

about the 2004 journey from Siberia to India by Anderson and his NOLS's team.

This trip was first made in 1941 by Slamovir Rawicz and a small group of prisoners of war who escaped from a Soviet labor camp in Siberia. They crossed the Gobi Desert and passed through Tibet, over the Himalayas and went on to what was then British India.

Anderson has been a mountaineer and climbing instructor at NOLS since 1996. He also works as a recruiter for NOLS by traveling the country and presenting slide shows. He is a professional photographer, and some of his photos have appeared in *Climbing Magazine*, *Rock and Ice Magazine*, *The American Alpine Journal*, *National Geographic* and *The Patagonia Catalog*.

NOLS is one of the leading sources for teachers of wilderness skills and leadership in the United States. NOLS courses are designed to help people develop and practice the skills they need to live, travel and play safely in the outdoors.

Expeditionary Studies Major Approved

SUNY Plattsburgh has just received final approval from SUNY and the State Education Department to offer its new academic major in Expeditionary Studies.

The only program of its kind in New York State, and one of a handful like it in the country, the new program will offer a rigorous course of study bringing together advanced outdoor skills in rock and ice climbing, backcountry skiing and sea kayaking, with the academic training necessary for decision making and management in outdoor settings.

For more information on this exciting new program, contact Dr. Larry Soroka, director of the Adirondack Experience Program, at 564-5292.

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"Now is the time for faculty members, professional staff and enrolled students to lend a hand of support," said Higgins. "We need everyone to assist by communicating to accepted applicants what they believe are the benefits found in a Plattsburgh State education."

Higgins believes that personal communications is strong proof to prospective students that the College values their application enough to highlight program strengths and to encourage them to visit the campus.

"A phone call, email or letter can really make a difference to a student or their parents," he said.

Additional recruitment initiatives for this year include: four regional receptions throughout New York State for accepted applicants; congratulatory letters to accepted applicants written by alumni; and the return of a Peer Recruitment Program.

The Peer Recruitment Program encourages currently enrolled students to visit their former high schools and highlight their Plattsburgh State experiences with prospective students, their favorite teachers and guidance

counselors. More than 100 site visits were made by 128 currently enrolled students during winter break.

Finally, as a result of the Noel-Levitz Consultant assessments, the Financial Aid Office and Admissions Office have been working together to offer high ability applicants scholarships and grants to further encourage their enrollment at the College.

Additional upcoming events planned by the Admissions Office include: daily visits; once a month Saturday Informational Sessions; Spring Open House on Saturday, April 16; and the Minority Student Visitation Program (MSVP). This program provides accepted minority students the opportunity to stay overnight in the residence halls as guests of enrolled students and participate in academic and social programs.

Higgins and his staff are very encouraged by the 18 percent increase in applications this year.

"The word is getting out about the quality of our academic programs, range of campus life activities and our dedication to student services," said Higgins.

Sodexho to Hold Servathon to Stop Hunger

Sodexho Campus Services has challenged its employees and the campus community to work together in the fight against hunger through its annual Servathon April 4 to 8 under the theme, "Stop Hunger: Making a Difference."

This year, participants in the program will be collecting food for the Interfaith Food Shelf. As part of this food drive, there will be two competitions -one between the residence halls and one between campus offices -for the group who raises the highest monetary value in food.

The residence hall that raises the highest monetary value in food will receive \$50 worth of food. Residence halls in second and third place will receive \$25 and \$15 worth of food respectively. The winning campus office will receive a catered lunch from Sodexho.

There will also be a raffle to raise funds for the Trinity Community Meal Center. The raffle ticket sale will be held on Thursday, April 7. The Sodexho employee who sells the most

raffle tickets will receive a free dinner and two movie passes. Prizes for the winners of the raffle will be donated by local businesses. Winners of all the events will be contacted on Monday, April 11.

Amy Rascoe, unit clerk in Clinton Dining Hall and the Servathon chairperson, said the program, which started three years ago, has a dual goal.

"The Servathon helps our community by giving back to those in need," said Rascoe. "It also helps build team spirit among those who are participating in the program around the campus and in the community."

According to Rascoe, the program has been very successful.

"The campus and community response has been nothing short of amazing," she said. "People really want to help and it gives them a great feeling to know that they are making a difference. Last year, we exceeded the funds raised in the previous year by more than \$1,000. I am excited to see what will happen this year."

Some of the events and programs

planned for this year's Servathon include the "Have a Heart" sale on Monday, April 4. Paper hearts will be sold for \$1 each at all Sodexho facilities and will be hung in the dining areas.

Later that evening, the Sodexho staff will help prepare and serve dinner at St. Peter's Soup Kitchen.

Tuesday, April 5 will be the kick off for the food drive. Offices and residence halls can arrange for pick up by calling 564-4093. The deadline for receiving items for the food drive is Monday, April 11.

On Wednesday, April 6, the staff will help prepare and serve dinner at Trinity Community Meal Center.

Friday, April 8, will be "Buy a Jean Day." To benefit Trinity Community Meal Center, Sodexho employees can donate \$5 in order to wear jeans to work. A free t-shirt will be given to all Sodexho employees who participate in Jean Day. Other offices are encouraged to participate in their own Jean Day.

For more information about the Sodexho Servathon, contact Amy Rascoe at (518) 564-4093.

New Club on Campus

For students wanting to learn more about Wall Street, there's a new club on campus. Michael Feldman, a freshman finance major from Brooklyn, N.Y., and Joseph Leavens, a sophomore business and finance major from Whitehall, N.Y., have established the Stock Market Club. The goal of the club is to introduce students to the fundamentals of stock trading in order to give them the knowledge and hands on experience to make their own personal trades without a broker.

"We wanted to learn more ourselves," said Leavens. "We hope this experience will eventually create a connection between students and the job market."

The students created the club along with the help of their advisor, Dr. Greg Gregoriou, assistant professor of economics and finance.

"I feel there is a need for finance students and other students from various disciplines on campus to obtain a solid background and understanding of markets before they graduate," said Gregoriou.

Students involved in the club have been engaging in on-line simulator trading. This gives them hands-on trading without the use of money. The club meets every other Thursday at 9 p.m. in Feinberg Library Room 108. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 1.

-- Aimee McCauley, PR Intern



Feldman and Leavens

Official Name of the College

Due to confusion concerning the official name of the College, the President's Cabinet has reviewed information from the State University of New York pertaining to the names of colleges in the SUNY system.

The official name of our College is: **State University of New York College at Plattsburgh**. However, "SUNY Plattsburgh" and/or "Plattsburgh State" can be used in appropriate context.

While the seal of the College will not change, any future printing of materials, publications and brochures during the next year should incorporate the official name of the College.

All departments may use their current stock through the end of the current calendar year (2005). Any Internet Websites should make necessary changes as soon as is practical, but no later than June 1.

Contact Keith Tyo, executive assistant to the president, for any questions at 564-3930.



Student Profile: Introducing Janice Bonsu

Janice Bonsu, a multi-talented junior sociology major from Bronx, N.Y., is involved with many organizations and clubs at SUNY Plattsburgh.

Her ability to embrace a variety of talents and maintain her individuality has allowed Bonsu to develop into a confident and successful student on campus.

The decision of where to go to college can be a very stressful one. However, making the decision to attend SUNY Plattsburgh was an easy one for Bonsu.

"I decided to come here after I came for the multicultural weekend. I had such a great time," said Bonsu. "Also, Plattsburgh State was the school farthest away from home, and I knew that in order to get somewhere in life I needed to get out of my comfort zone."

Currently, outside of her academics, Bonsu keeps busy by working in the Feinberg Library. She is a resident assistant in Moffitt Hall, a summer orientation leader, a student ambassador and a member of the Plattsburgh State Gospel Choir Step Team.

She is also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) national leadership society and was the Omicron Delta Kappa Sophomore of the Year Award winner. In addition, she is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, the national freshman honor society.

Bonsu highly regards the education she has received at SUNY Plattsburgh and is a firm believer that students have



Bonsu

the power to shape and mold their own college experience. She also finds it almost impossible to choose a favorite professor at this College.

"I don't have a favorite one," she said. "That's because every professor I have had and interacted with has introduced an idea or concept that has stayed with me in some way, both academically and personally."

Out of all the classes Bonsu has taken she has two favorites, Sociology of Women (SOC 305) and Symbolic Interaction (SOC 265).

"I have enjoyed Sociology of Women because the class looks at women, girls and men while using a variety of sources not only to understand the sociology of women, but more importantly, how this fits into our daily lives," she said. "In Symbolic Interaction, we all have to work together in order for the class to run smoothly. We also look at different aspects of sociological theory."

Bonsu's advice for fellow students is to take advantage of all the opportunities open to them at SUNY Plattsburgh and to have a good time.

"Don't waste time or money and enjoy yourself," she said.

After graduation, Bonsu wants to become a lawyer. She is currently studying for the entrance exam.

"Right now I am taking it one day at a time and hoping that the proof that hard work pays off manifests itself in my future."

-- Jennifer Vargas, PR Intern



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students a total of 20 new courses on top of over 60 courses already offered to communication students.

"I think the new majors are an excellent step in the right direction for the department," said Terri-Ann Venezia, a freshman mass communication major from Hauppauge, N.Y. "I am going to graduate with a more defined, detailed major, giving prospective employers a better idea of what I learned in college."

Although the switch does not officially go into effect until fall 2005, students are currently able to switch to one of the new majors now.

"Speech communication and mass communication

will no longer exist here at Plattsburgh State in the year 2008," said Ensel. "Yet, students currently in those majors may still graduate with a bachelor's degree in speech or mass communications if they choose."

The speech communications program started at Plattsburgh State before 1969 while the mass communications program was started in 1985.

In the past 20 years, more than 600 students have graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh with an undergraduate degree in speech communications and more than 1,230 have graduated with a degree in mass communications.

-- Aimee McCauley, PR Intern

Junior Wins Forensic Competition

David "Dave" Dickinson, a junior mass communications major from Brentwood, N.Y., recently won first place in both the dramatic interpretation and program oral interpretation and fourth place in



Dickinson

poetry at the Northeast Regional Forensic Championship Tournament at Suffolk Community College in Long Island, N.Y. on Sunday, Feb. 27.

At the New York State Forensics Championship at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., the following weekend, Dickinson won second place in dramatic interpretation and program oral interpretation and fifth place in rhetorical criticism and poetry. He placed fourth overall.

Dickinson has been participating in forensic competitions since 2002 and has won more than 60 trophies. He is a host on Plattsburgh State Television's (PSTV) "Cardinal Sports." After graduation, he plans to move to the western United States to pursue a career in acting.

Three Students Awarded CSEA Scholarships

The Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) Local 612 has recently awarded three scholarships to two children of union members and one member. The three recipients have each received \$150. The recipients are: Jennifer Foster, a psychology major from Peru, N.Y., and daughter of Avis Foster in Accounts Payable; Sabrina Noel, an art history major from Saranac, N.Y., and daughter of Candy Noel in the Bursar's Office; and Jacqueline Baker, a communications disorders and sciences major from Morrisonville, N.Y. Baker is employed in the sociology and criminal justice departments at the College. The CSEA scholarship is awarded annually to help with school-related expenses. Funding for these scholarships is made possible through the donations from CSEA members.



Baker



Foster



Noel

Spotlight on faculty and staff

Dr. Isabel Arredondo, associate professor of foreign languages and literature, has been awarded The Henry P. and Thomas R. Schreiner-National Film Board of Canada Research/ Production Grant in Documentary to do archival research on Mexican women documentarians of the silent period. Dr. Arredondo has already conducted part of the research in Mexico and will com-

plete her project at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Dr. James Csipak, associate professor of marketing and entrepreneurship, and **Dr. Lise Heroux**, professor of marketing and entrepreneurship, are authors of a recently published article titled, "Motel Marketing Strategies in Quebec, Ontario and New York: A Comparative Exploratory Study." The article, which appeared in the Automne 2004 issue of *Téoros: Revue de recherche en tourisme*, examines perceived differences in marketing strategy variables used by bed-and-breakfasts in the three tourist destinations.

Dr. Charles Herod, professor emeritus of minority studies, recently wrote a book review of *Destined to Witness: Growing Up Black in Nazi*

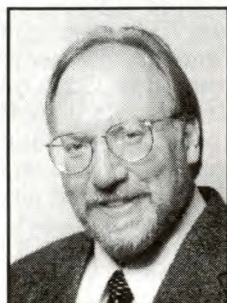
Germany (Harper Collins, 2001), which appeared in the *Canadian Review of Studies in Nationalism*.

Dr. John Lewis, professor of physics, has co-authored the paper, "Annealing properties of ZnO films grown using diethyl zinc and tertiary butanol," which appeared in the *Journal of Physics: Condensed Matter*.

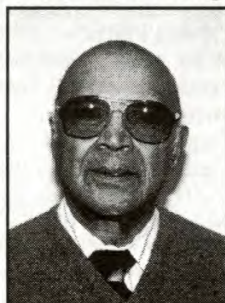
Dr. Susan Mody, assistant professor of childhood education, has recently had her book, *Cultural Identity In Kindergarten: A Study Of Asian Indian Children in New Jersey*, published by Routledge. The Asian Indian community is one of the fastest growing immigrant groups in New Jersey. The book explores play and story as forms of early childhood discourse in which cultural identity is both constructed and expressed.



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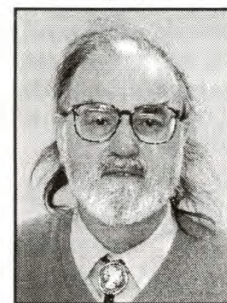
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FOCUS Calendar

Friday, March 25 - Saturday, April 9

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

8 a.m. Violence Prevention Coordinating Council, open meeting. Come discuss efforts to end violence against women both on and off campus, as part of a coordinated community response. Sponsored by the PSU Office of Violence Prevention. All interested members of the campus and community are welcome. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.
4 p.m. ODK Membership Meeting. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

MONDAY, MARCH 28

6 p.m. Panel-Discussion on Religion, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.
7 p.m. Greek Future Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

12:30 p.m. Service Learning Workshops, sponsored by Center for Service Learning & Volunteerism. Angell College Center Meeting Room 2.
3 p.m. Career Development Workshop, presents "Preparing for a Career Fair," presented by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.
7 p.m. Freshmen Emerging Leader Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.
8 p.m. Society of Success & Leadership, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom A.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

8 p.m. Latino Conference Talent Show, sponsored by El Pueblo. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.
10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

12:15 p.m. Greek Opening

Weekend Committee, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Meeting Room 8.

2 p.m. Geocoding Workshop, sponsored by Earth & Environmental Science Department. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

7 p.m. Greek Week Meetings, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

8 p.m. Speaker/Author: Da Chen, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

8 a.m. Crossing Borders 2005, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Canada. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7 p.m. 4th Annual Mr. Plattsburgh Competition, sponsored by T.A.W.S. Tickets: \$2 general admission, payable at the door. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

10 p.m. Beach Party, sponsored by El Pueblo. Tickets on sale at the Angell College Center Desk, price to be announced. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

8 p.m. CVOS Concert/Choral Union Concert, sponsored by the Music Department. Tickets prices to be announced. Tickets will be on sale at the Angell College Center Desk for SA Members only. All other tickets will be sold at the door and through CVOS members. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

10 p.m. PSU Late Night presents Def Poet J. Ivy, sponsored by the Campus Life Office with support from the Student Association. Angell College Center Flynt Commons.

10 p.m. AKEBA Trio Party, hosted by AKEBA -- the Black Student Union. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

3 p.m. Faculty Recital, sponsored by Music Department. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

MONDAY, APRIL 4

3 p.m. CVPH Community Blood Drive, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7 p.m. Greek Future Leaders Seminar. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7 p.m. Environmental Solutions Series, A bi-weekly speaker series focused on solutions to modern environmental problems. Sponsored by the Environmental Action Committee and Students for Direct Democracy. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

10 a.m. Career Development Workshop, presents "Preparing for a Career Fair," presented by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

4:30 p.m. Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7 p.m. Cron Lecture, presents Swami Srinivasananda of the Sivananda Yoga Vendanta Center speaking on "Personal Transformation Through Yoga Practice and Its Effect on Social Change." Sponsored by the Protestant Campus Ministry and named for Karl Cron, the founder of the ministry. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

7:30 p.m. Womens Studies Forum-Cynthia Enbe, sponsored by Women's Studies Department and CAS. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7:30 p.m. Dave Andersen - Mountaineering Lecture, sponsored by Adirondack Experience Program. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

8 a.m. Workshop: Bullies, Victims, and Bystanders, sponsored by CAS. Registration Fee: \$45 PSU faculty/ staff and students, \$95 public, available through the CAS Office, 564-2035. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

11 a.m. Alcohol Screening Program, sponsored by Center for Student Health & Psychological Services. Angell College Center Lobby 1.

12 p.m. Committee on Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

6 p.m. Faculty Panel Discussion Series, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Krinovitz Recital Hall.

7 p.m. Alcohol Screening Program & Screening, sponsored by Interfraternity Council, Greek Affairs and the Center for Student Health and Psychological Services. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

8 p.m. BINGO and Comedian, sponsored by SA. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

12 p.m. Plattsburgh UUP Exec. Board Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

12:15 p.m. Fraternity/ Sorority President's Council. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7 p.m. Greek Week Meetings. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

7 p.m. Career Night 2005, sponsored by Career Development Center. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

College Council Meeting April 7

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the College Council will be Thursday, April 7 at 1 p.m. in the Alumni Conference Room, Hawkins Hall.

7:30 p.m. Visual Artist Series, sponsored by Campus Arts Council. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

8 p.m. Jazz Festival, sponsored by the Music Department. Tickets: \$2 SA, \$5 faculty/staff, \$8 general admission, on sale at the Angell Center Desk and the door. E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

10 a.m. Anti-Hazing

Workshop, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. Latin Dance, sponsored by Music Department. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

8 p.m. Apollo Night, sponsored by NAACP. E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

10 p.m. Casino Night at PSU Late Night, sponsored by the Campus Life Office and the Student Association. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.

Career Night April 7

This year will mark the 29th annual Career Night at SUNY Plattsburgh. This event, which is hosted by the Career Development Center (CDC), will be held on Thursday, April 7 from 4:30-9 p.m. in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center.

According to Sally E. Urban, senior career counselor at CDC, Career Night is one of the most important events sponsored by the Center.

"Students can walk away with a better sense of career options," said Urban. "Typically, the businesses and organizations that participate in Career Night come to recruit and promote their companies and fill immediate openings."

Approximately 50-60 businesses, organizations and some governmental agencies will attend Career Night.

Urban believes that Career Night is beneficial for all students at SUNY Plattsburgh.

"It is not just for graduating seniors," said Urban. "It is a terrific networking opportunity and helps students brush up on the kinds of skills they need to establish a career. It would also be beneficial for students who are looking for summer employment to attend Career Night."

In preparation for the event, the CDC is sponsoring two workshops, titled "Preparing For a Career Fair," to help students to make a good impression on Career Night. These workshops will be held on Tuesday, March 29 at 3 p.m. and Tuesday, April 5 at 10 a.m.

For more information on Career Night, contact the Career Development Center at (518) 564-2071.

-- Jennifer Vargas, PR Intern

Visual Artist Series April 7

Book artist/ calligrapher, Lynne Avadenka, will be the final presenter in this semester's Visual Artist Series. The presentation will be held on Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center and is free and open to the public.

Avadenka uses a mixture of words and images in her creations. Many of Avadenka's works also depict the arts and humanities in Jewish life. She has taught at the Center for Book Arts in New York City and is currently an instructor at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, Mich.

Some of her work is on exhibition in the Library of Congress in Washington D.C.; Detroit Institute of the Arts in Detroit, Mich.; Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago, Ill.; New York Public Library in New York, N.Y.; Israel Museum in Jerusalem; and several others.

The Visual Arts Series is sponsored by the Student Association and the Campus Arts Council. For further information, contact the Plattsburgh State Art Department at (518) 564-2179. -- Jennifer Vargas, PR Intern

Alcohol Screening Day April 6

The Center for Student Health & Psychological Services, Center for Greek Affairs and the Interfraternity Council will co-sponsor National Alcohol Screening Day on Wednesday, April 6.

To kick off the event, an information table will be set-up from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 6 in the College Center Lobby, 1st floor. Material on alcohol abuse will be available, and a counselor will be on hand to answer any questions.

The evening program will begin at 7 p.m. in the Plattsburgh Room, Angell College Center. The educational presentation is designed to raise public awareness about the consequences of at-risk drinking and alcohol's effect on general health.

In addition, individuals who believe they or a friend may be experiencing an alcohol problem are invited to take part in an alcohol screening, and will benefit from a short 10-minute meeting with a counselor to discuss the results of the screening and to provide referrals.

Screenings are free and anonymous. Refreshments will be provided.

Novelist Dr. Elizabeth Nunez to Give Presentation March 31

The Department of English in association with the North Country Institute for Writers of Color and the Winkel Humanities Fund will host a presentation by novelist Dr. Elizabeth Nunez on Thursday, March 31, at 7 p.m. in the Plattsburgh Room, Angell College Center. Nunez will read excerpts from her new novel, *Prospero's Daughter*. This event is free and open to the public.

Nunez, who emigrated from Trinidad and Tobago and currently lives in Amityville, N.Y., is the author of five other books: *Grace*, *Discretion*, *Bruised Hibiscus*, which won an American Book Award, *Beyond the Limbo Silence* and *When Rocks Dance*. Her works blossom with symbolism, ominous powers and fever-pitched tension between races and classes.

She received her undergraduate degree from Marian College in Wisconsin and her master's degree and doctorate from New York University. She is currently a distinguished professor of English at Medgar Evers College, City University of New York.

Nunez is the recipient of numerous awards and honors including the Vera Rubin Residency Fellowship for the Yaddo Artist Colony, the Carter G. Woodson Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award, and an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters from Marian College for her contribution to the arts and education.

For more information on Nunez's novel reading, contact the SUNY Plattsburgh English department at (518) 564-2134.

President Names Dr. Douglas Skopp College Historian

When someone has a question concerning the history of SUNY Plattsburgh, everyone knows the "go-to" man is Dr. Douglas Skopp. He's been the resident expert on the College and its history and has authored a book on it. Skopp, distinguished teaching professor of history, has now been officially named the college historian. The appointment was made by Dr. John Ettling, SUNY Plattsburgh President.

"Dr. Skopp is an inspirational teacher, and he has been a positive force in the lives of his students and the career of our graduates," said Ettling. "This position is our way of commending him for the work he has done on behalf of Plattsburgh State."

In this role, Skopp will be available to help both individuals and groups who want to learn more about the history of the College.

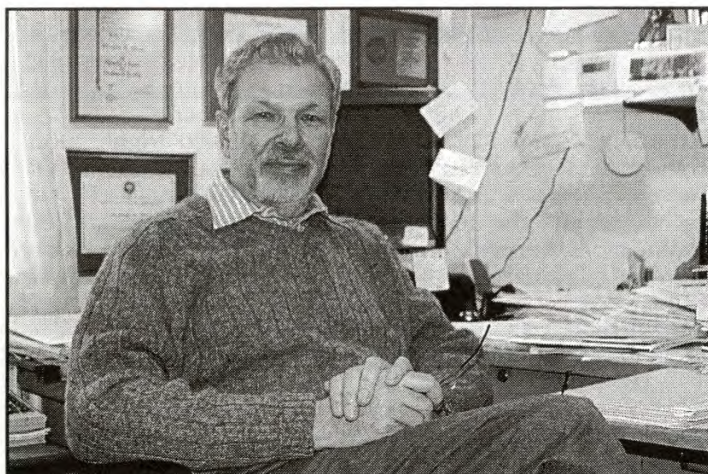
"Being named college historian is a great honor and at the same time it is a great responsibility," said Skopp. "The history of our College is very powerful and unique, and I have the opportunity to help others understand it."

Skopp believes the history of a learning institution like Plattsburgh State can often give insight into its future.

"I have always been interested in the history of schools and in their ability to help individuals benefit society," he said. "I think that one of the most interesting things we learn from studying the history of education is that we need to find out as much as we can about where we are in order to find out where we can be."

Skopp has been particularly attracted to Plattsburgh State's history because he has had such a personal connection to its students and faculty.

"Plattsburgh State has been a place where I have flourished. I have learned a great deal, and I continue to learn as the years go by," he said. "This College has served as a caring and supportive place for students and faculty who are committed to sharing knowledge."



SUNY Plattsburgh College Historian Dr. Douglas Skopp

In the mid-1980s, when SUNY Plattsburgh began planning events for its 100th anniversary, Skopp decided to work on a pictorial history of the College that would focus on its students. The product of his efforts was his book, *Bright With Promise*, which was published in 1989.

The new college historian already has several plans for the position.

"I want to organize and promote materials related to the College's history. This is an excellent way to protect our legacy for the future," said Skopp. "I am also planning to update *Bright With Promise* to include the history of the last 15 years. Thirdly, I want to provide as much assistance as I can to the staff of the Office of Institutional Advancement because I believe that creatively relating the history of the College can help stimulate financial support."

Skopp began teaching at Plattsburgh State in 1972. He received his bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College in 1963 and his master's from Connecticut College in 1964. He received his doctorate from Brown University in 1974.

Center For Service Learning and Volunteerism Gives Mini-Grants

For the first time since its creation in fall 2003, the Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism at SUNY Plattsburgh gave faculty the opportunity to apply for mini-grants to support academic service learning projects.

Two grants were awarded this semester. Dr. Beth Dixon, associate professor of philosophy, received funds that will allow a few students in her Moral Problems (PHI 104) class to implement a service project that they design. This project will attempt to acquaint students with the needs of the Plattsburgh community while they contemplate the meaning of "the public good."

Dr. Jean Coates and Kathleen Dupraw in the nursing, food and nutrition department also received a

grant to complement their Food Service Delivery Management (FNI 450) class. The funds will be used to buy food and materials that will be prepared for a local soup kitchen.

Dr. Lori Walters-Kramer, director of service learning and assistant professor of communications, is pleased that the Center could make these funds available.

"Our center wants to do whatever it can to support faculty who want to integrate service learning experiences in their courses," she said. "Because both of these projects were solid and because we want to demonstrate the center's commitment to service learning pedagogy, we were happy to grant the full amount to both projects."

Walters-Kramer said that in addition to ensuring that faculty members

who have good service learning ideas get the funds they need, the center is also determined to build and sustain a relationship between the campus and the community.

"Not only do we want to be the first place students and faculty visit when they want to learn more about service opportunities, we want local residents to think of the center when they have community-centered projects that they think faculty and their students can address," said Walters-Kramer.

Applications for these grants were reviewed by Walters-Kramer and Cori Matthews, director of the Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism. For more information about grant applications, contact the center at 564-4830.

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Five Students Receive Chancellor's Award

The Chancellor of the State University of New York has announced that five SUNY Plattsburgh seniors have been selected to receive the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.

Yassmeen Abdulhamid, Sherie Davis, Kevin Ferguson, Kathleen Lanzer and Marvelle Roberts are among 264 recipients from 60 SUNY institutions honored with this award.

The recipients gathered at a special ceremony in their honor at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center on Monday, March 28 in Albany. Each student received a framed certificate and a medallion that may be worn at commencement.

"The recipients of this year's Chancellor's Award are not only some of the brightest and hardest working students in SUNY, but have made major contributions to their communities," said Chancellor Robert L. King. "They represent the enduring commitment the university has made to attracting and nurturing a diverse, intelligent student body. They are our future, and that future is bright."

"On behalf of SUNY Plattsburgh, I want to say how proud we are of these students," said President John Ettling. "They have worked hard and have excelled both in and out of the classroom. They have done an outstanding job in representing our College for this prestigious award."



Abdulhamid



Davis



Ferguson



Lanzer



Roberts

Abdulhamid is a senior English literature major from Clifton Park, N.Y. She is the recipient of the Louise B. Heisler Music Scholarship and the Nina Winkel Scholarship for the Humanities. She has been inducted

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Students, Faculty Prepare for Showcase Week April 11 - 16

For more than 10 years, students at SUNY Plattsburgh from many different areas of study along with faculty members have participated in Showcase Week. This year, Showcase Week will take place April 11 - 16.

"Showcase is an old tradition at Plattsburgh State where we showcase the academic successes of our students," said Kathy Lavoie, dean of arts and science and member of the Showcase Committee. "It was discontinued for a while, but we brought it back to campus last year in a modified form."

Douglas Skopp, distinguished teaching professor of history, is chair of this year's showcase committee. Showcase Week has been scheduled in conjunction with the inauguration of President John Ettling on Saturday, April 16.

"Showcase Week gives students an opportunity to 'Showcase' or present some unique activities, insights and achievements in their studies at the College," said Skopp. "Students at our College have a long tradition of excellence in all aspects of academic life. An important feature of this excellence is

in communicating their understanding and creativity to others, and that's what Showcase is all about."

Students and faculty from across campus are participating in this year's Showcase. The activities range from visual art displays to student-faculty research. Showcase gives students the chance to show their work to other students, faculty and the public.

"I believe it affords the students, faculty and the College an opportunity to highlight some of the important

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The Value of Employee Benefits Paid by the State

Below is a chart that illustrates the additional amount that faculty and staff at SUNY Plattsburgh receive as an employee of New York State. To determine the exact value of the benefits, multiple your annual salary by 0.4199.

"The benefits of this package are outstanding," said Larry Mills, executive director of Human Resource Services. "Very often, people fail to realize that the state pays more than 90 percent of their health insurance. In addition, many classified employees no longer have to make a contribution to their retirement. The state provides this for them after they have been employed with us for 10 years. This benefits package exceeds that of local industries and even that of some other states."

For more information, contact Human Resource Services at 564-5062.

The Annual Value of NYS Employees' Benefits Paid by the State

	Percentage of Salary	Employee Earning an Annual Salary of \$30,000	Employee Earning an Annual Salary of \$50,000
Health Insurance	20.75%	\$6,225.00	\$11,412.50
Pensions	9.41%	\$2,823.00	\$5,175.50
Social Security	7.52%	\$2,256.00	\$4,136.00
Workers' Compensation	2.65%	\$795.00	\$1,457.50
Employee Benefit Funds	0.64%	\$192.00	\$352.00
Dental Insurance	0.65%	\$195.00	\$357.50
Unemployment Benefits	0.14%	\$42.00	\$77.00
Vision Benefits	0.12%	\$36.00	\$66.00
Survivors' Benefits	0.11%	\$33.00	\$60.50
Total Fringe Benefit	41.99%	\$12,597.00	\$23,094.50

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research and other activities that is being conducted collaboratively between students and faculty at Plattsburgh State," said Dr. Michael Morales, assistant professor of psychology and one of several faculty mentors involved in Showcase.

"Much of the collaborative work that occurs between undergraduate students and faculty is not widely known by the campus community, and for that matter may not recognize that our undergraduate students are involved in top notch research that is presented widely at both national and international conferences."

It is the culmination of this student-faculty collaboration that makes Showcase Week so special to Plattsburgh State. Many colleges are unable to offer students the one-on-one attention that SUNY Plattsburgh students are offered.

"I want my peers to see the type of research that students are doing at this level of their careers," said Lisa Long, a senior communication disorders and sciences major from Westchester, N.Y. "I think it is important to show other students that it is possible to do this type of research, and it is an excellent opportunity offered to Plattsburgh students."

Students participating in this year's Showcase Week represent a wide variety of majors. Many events for Showcase Week will take place within a specific class while others will take place outside of the classroom.

"I'm looking forward to Showcase Week," said President Ettling. "I'm especially pleased that this year's week will coincide with my inauguration, which is a celebration of our institution and all of its members."

For a complete list of scheduled events, visit the website at www.plattsburgh.edu/president/showcase2005.php

-- Aimee McCauley, PR Intern



Accounting Students Offer Free Tax Preparation

It's that time again -- taxes are due by April 15. If you need some last minute help, you may qualify for tax preparation assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA).

This is the second year that accounting students at SUNY Plattsburgh are offering free tax preparation as part of a collaborative effort between the College's School of Business and Economics and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

The program is available to individuals and families whose total household income is less than \$35,000. SUNY Plattsburgh students not claimed as dependents and who earn less than \$35,000 can also take advantage of this free tax preparation.

Dr. Mohammed Gaber, associate professor and chair of the accounting department, is the coordinator of the program.

"The goal of the VITA program is two-fold," said Gaber. "The students

involved in the program are getting a chance to volunteer their time to help the community while they gain experience in tax preparation and electronic filing."

To qualify to be volunteers for the program, SUNY Plattsburgh students must have completed the Income Tax I (ACC 403) course and have either completed or be currently enrolled in Income Tax II (ACC 404). They must also receive VITA training in tax law and electronic filing.

Nine students are volunteering in the program this year. They are: Joseph Leonard; Han Zhang; Tim McCormick; Yu Zhu Zhang; Robert Holliday; Joyce Wang; Andrew Groff;



Accounting major Robert Holliday helps a member of the community with preparing her tax return.

Zhu Zhu Zhang; and Min Yu Chen.

These students are volunteering at OneWorkSource Employment and Training Center, which has been set up as a VITA site.

For further information, contact Art Tucker, director of career opportunities and internships in the School of Business and Economics, at 564-4187.

Finckel Nominated for Fellowship

Joseph Finckel of Morrisonville, N.Y. is the Phi Kappa Phi chapter nominee for the organization's national graduate fellowship competition for the academic year 2005-2006.

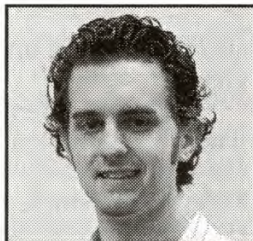
If he is selected, Finckel will receive a \$5,000 fellowship from this national academic honors society for his first year of graduate school. Last year, SUNY Plattsburgh's nominee, Matthew Mintz, was awarded the national fellowship. He is currently pursuing his graduate degree at Columbia University.

Finckel, an English literature major, will graduate *summa cum laude* this May. After graduation, he will start his graduate studies in information science at SUNY Albany.

"I am very honored to have received this nomination," said Finckel. "I know the caliber of students in the SUNY Plattsburgh chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, and I am aware that the competition will be even more difficult on the national level."

Finckel is the current president of SUNY Plattsburgh's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the national English honor society, and is also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society.

To qualify for nomination for the fellowship, students must demonstrate scholastic achievement and the promise of success in graduate or professional work. They must also demonstrate leadership experience as well as express their goals of further education and a career.



Finckel

Media Ethics Workshop April 21

The Department of Journalism at SUNY Plattsburgh will host a Media Ethics Workshop on Thursday, April 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.

"This workshop is one of various workshops that the Department of Journalism sponsors that brings professional journalists together to discuss hot-button topics and issues," said Shawn Murphy, associate professor of journalism.

The workshop, which is free and open to the public, will include panelists from local media such as Thom Hallock and Stephanie Gorin from WPTZ; Bob Grady, the managing editor of the *Press-Republican*; Lois Clermont, the news editor of the *Press-Republican*; and Oksana Poltavets, news editor of *Cardinal Points*. Some SUNY Plattsburgh faculty members will also serve on the panel. These include Murphy, Dr. Jin Kim, professor of communication and Asian studies, and Dr. Shakuntala Rao, associate professor of communication and Asian studies.

Real-life local case studies, including the highly controversial Latremore case, will also be discussed.

"It is interesting that these local media do not follow a strict adopted code of ethics," said Murphy. "Instead they follow a loosely structured situational ethics code which is an internal creation of that news organization, balanced with discussion amongst the journalists about what is the best thing to do in a given situation."

The Department of Journalism is also planning to offer an annual First Amendment Law and Media Ethics conference in the fall.

--Jennifer Vargas, PR Intern

Student Profile: Richard Elicier

From music to science, senior biology major Richard Elicier from Queens, N.Y., strives to reach his goals and dreams here at SUNY Plattsburgh.

Elicier decided to attend Plattsburgh State because he liked its location and distance from home. He believed the distance would give him room to grow as a student and as an individual. Elicier was also impressed by how welcoming the campus community and Plattsburgh community were.

Elicier is involved with many aspects of college life. He has worked as a chemistry tutor in the Claude J. Clarke Learning Center and is a resident assistant in Banks Hall. He is also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership honor society.

In addition to excellence in academics and his involvement on campus, Elicier also enjoys and makes time to compose music. He has been playing the piano for eight years and the guitar for three and started composing his own music in 2001. He will be performing some of his original pieces on Friday, April 22 at 7 p.m. in the Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

"It just happened one day," said Elicier. "I picked up a pen and paper and started writing music."

Elicier has enjoyed his experiences at SUNY Plattsburgh and highly regards the education he has received here.

"I wouldn't trade it for anything else in the world," said



Elicier

Elicier. "The professors here allow me to develop close relationships with them. Students are also given opportunities to develop relationships with mentors, and for me that has been a fulfilling and eye-opening experience."

Elicier's favorite professor is his mentor J.W. Wiley, lecturer of philosophy and minority studies and the director of the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion.

"Wiley challenges students in individual growth and intellect," said Elicier. "He also aids students in finding ways to deal with peers and preparing for life after college."

Elicier has enjoyed a number of classes here at SUNY Plattsburgh, including Moral Problems (PHI 104) because it has changed the way he writes and thinks; Women's Studies (WMS 101), which enabled Elicier to gain different perspectives of women around the world; and General Genetics (BIO 305), taught by Dr. Nancy Elwess, associate professor of biology, that exposed him to a variety of laboratory techniques that will be useful in his career. He enjoyed his biology research experience because it was exciting.

"I enjoy possibly finding out about something new that no one has found," he said.

Elicier's advice to students is to take advantage of mentoring programs and to take advantage of everything else that SUNY Plattsburgh has to offer.

After Elicier graduates, he is planning on going to graduate school at New Mexico State University where he wants to work toward his doctorate in a cell biology.

--Jennifer Vargas, PR Intern

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into the Phi Kappa Phi International Honor Society and has won the award for Excellence in Composition.

"The Chancellor's Award is a great honor," said Abdulhamid. "As much as it reflects on what I have done, it reflects on SUNY Plattsburgh, which has given me the opportunity and potential. I'm really grateful."

Davis is a senior cellular biochemistry major from Dominica. She is the recipient of the E. Clark Scholarship in Chemistry, the Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award, the Gamma Sigma Alpha Scholarship Achievement Award and the Redcay Advanced Honors Scholarship to aid in an honors research project in genetics. She has also served as a resident assistant for two years, a student ambassador and a learning center and EOP tutor.

"I'm very excited about the Chancellor's Award," said Davis. "It feels good to be recognized for my accomplishments. The hard work is worth it."

Lanzer, from Plattsburgh, is also a senior cellular biochemistry major. She is a member of the honor societies Sigma Xi, Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. She is the recipient of the E. Yale Clarke Scholarship in Biology, the Redcay Research Scholarship and the Hudson Scholarship in Science. She has given two poster presentations at national and international research conferences.

"One of the things I like about Plattsburgh State is that the faculty members who aren't available to meet with you one-on-one is the exception," said Lanzer, who is an adult student supported by her husband, Erik, and their two children, high schools students Jessica and Robert. "I've

also enjoyed the interaction with other students. It's been great."

Ferguson, a senior Canadian studies and French dual major from Minoa, N.Y., is currently an intern at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. A recipient of the Killam Fellowship, he studied at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Ferguson also presented a paper at the "Crossing Borders 2002" conference.

"The experience I am having at the Canadian Embassy is incredible," said Ferguson. "I have been able to attain a better understanding of the workings of this city. I believe that all students should do an internship at least once in their college years."

Roberts, a senior mathematics major from Dominica, is the recipient of the Presidential Scholarship, the Semmler Math Endowment Scholarship, the Mathematics Scholar Award and the Mathematics Distinguished Academic Service Award. She was also a finalist in the New York State Forensics Championship for oral interpretation of poetry. She has served as a resident assistant and an orientation leader.

"I didn't expect this award," said Roberts. "It is such an honor to be recognized after four years of hard work. It feels awesome. The faculty has mentored me. I want to especially thank the math department. (Dr.) Joseph Bodenrader (associate professor of math) has been very wonderful to me."

Chancellor's Award winners must have a strong academic record as well as demonstrated significant contributions to the greater campus community.

Plattsburgh State Peer Advisors Attend Conference

At the end of March, Kyla Relaford, EOP counselor, and Bette Brohel, academic advisor, traveled to Montreal for the National Academic Advisors Association (NACADA) 21st Regional Conference. They attended the conference with SUNY Plattsburgh peer advisors Doug Cote, Robert Reich, Jessica Slemons and Kristen Wohlgemuth, along with peer advisor recruits Amanda Belden, Jason Broman, Sarah Matos, Tessa Miller, Omefa Prass, Jennifer Tirado and Matthew Whitening.

Professional advisors, faculty and students hailing from the northeast regions of the United States and Canada participated in the conference. SUNY Plattsburgh's Peer Advisor group was actively engaged in the sessions and offered insightful perspectives to presenters. The conference helped the students from the College to generate new ideas.

The Peer Advisors Program is in its third year on campus and recruits qualified, first-semester freshmen to participate

in training during their subsequent second and third semesters. Peer Advisors become uniquely qualified to assist their peers to make successful transitions into Plattsburgh's academic and social life and are available to provide one-on-one and group assistance throughout the academic year.

Brohel said that throughout the training semesters, students are oriented to institutional policies, procedures, academic and career resources, referrals, and basic counseling/communication skills.

The NACADA Regional Conference was an extraordinary professional development opportunity for the group and served as an integral part of their training experience.

The Academic Advising Office and the Peer Advisor group extends appreciation to Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, for his continued support of the program and for making attendance at the NACADA conference possible.

Spotlight on faculty and staff

Carmen Culver, academic director of the Latin American Southern Cone Programs, was re-elected for a second term (2005-06) as president of the Association of Academic Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean (AAPLAC) at its recent annual meeting in San Diego. AAPLAC brings together directors of study broad programs. Culver previously served two terms (2001-03) as president of the Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP), the curriculum and outreach component of the Latin American Studies Association.

Dr. Craig Hoag, assistant professor of chemistry, recently received a "Promising Inventor Award" for his first invention disclosure with The Research Foundation of the State University of New York. The invention is titled, "Stand-Alone Externally

Powered Triggering System."

Mark Holden, adjunct lecturer in English, has won the Kurt Vonnegut Fiction Prize (first prize of \$1,000) for his short story, "Go Ride the Train." The contest was judged by Richard Russo, Pulitzer Prize winner for *Empire Falls*. Holden's story will be published in the *North American Review*.

Dr. Fernando Iturburu, associate professor of foreign languages and literature, has written the detective novel, *Si es que te queda cariño. (Y otras aventuras del cholo Cepeda)*, (*If There Is Still Love -And Other Adventures of Cholo Cepeda*, Imaginaria, 2004). Set in different countries, this novel is the sequel of *El Cholo Cepeda, investigador privado*. Iturburu has also written a book of poetry, *Contra sí mismo (Against Oneself)*, Quito, 2004).

Dr. Jessamyn Neuhaus, assistant professor of popular culture and United States history, recently presented a lecture titled, "Manly Meals and Mom's Home Cooking: Cookbooks and Gender in the 1950s" at the Chapman Historical Museum in Glens Falls, N.Y. Neuhaus also presented a paper, "Marge Simpson and the

Televised Housewife: Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue," at the Popular Culture Association's annual meeting in March in San Diego, Calif. Her work on Marge Simpson is part of a long-term project addressing popular culture and the representation of housewives.

Dr. Richard Robbins, distinguished teaching professor of anthropology, wrote an article, "Technology in History: The Western Tradition," which appears in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Science, Technology and Society* edited by Sal Restivo. Oxford University Press describes the book as emphasizing "an interdisciplinary and international coverage of the functions and effects of science and technology in society and culture," and containing "over 130 signed articles written by major scholars and experts from academic and scientific institutions and institutes worldwide." The article by Robbins develops a theory of the relationship between technological change and economic growth in Europe and the United States from the eighteenth to the twentieth century.



Culver



Hoag



Holden



Iturburu



Neuhaus



Robbins

FOCUS Calendar

Friday, April 8 - Sunday, April 24

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

6:30 p.m. Jail and Bail Annual Fundraiser, sponsored by Alpha Phi. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. Jazz Festival. Tickets: \$2 SA, \$5 faculty/staff, \$8 general admission, on sale at the Angell College Center Desk and the door. E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins.

10 p.m. Bubblicious Party: Da Jump-Start!, sponsored by Club Caribbean. Tickets: \$3 SA Members and \$4 general admission, on sale at the Angell Center Desk. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

9 a.m. Defensive Driving Class, sponsored by the Student Association and open to SA Members only. Registration fee: \$25, payable by check or cash at the SA Office, Angell Center Room 203. Memorial Hall 302.

10 a.m. Anti-Hazing Workshop. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. 29th Annual Jazz (Salsa) Festival presents Latin Dance, with Wayne Gorbea and Salsa Picante. Opening set by PSU Jazz Ensemble and Contemporary Combo. Sponsored by the SA, CAS, Music Council and the Music Department. Tickets: \$2 SA Members, \$5 faculty/staff/seniors/students and \$10 general public, on sale at the Angell Center Desk. **Ticket price includes Salsa Lessons starting at 7 p.m. Angell Center Warren Ballrooms.

8 p.m. Apollo Night, sponsored by NAACP. E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

10 p.m. Casino Night at PSU Late Night, sponsored by the Campus Life Office with support from the Student Association. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

MONDAY, APRIL 11

11 a.m. Memory Book Senior Photos, sponsored by the Student Association. To schedule an appointment go

to www.laurenstudios.com Angell College Center Meeting Room 6.

3 p.m. Greek Leadership Series. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

5 p.m. Civil Liberties: American & Global Perspectives, sponsored by College Democrats. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

7 p.m. Greek Future Leaders Seminar. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

9 a.m. Memory Book Senior Photos, sponsored by the Student Association. To schedule an appointment go to www.laurenstudios.com Angell College Center Meeting Room 6.

12:15 p.m. Greek New Member Workshops. Angell Center Amnesty Room.

12:30 p.m. The Tango Project, sponsored by Foreign Languages & Literature. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7 p.m. Society of Success & Leadership, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. Symphonic Band Concert. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

9 a.m. Memory Book Senior Photos, sponsored by the Student Association. To schedule an appointment go to www.laurenstudios.com Angell College Center Meeting Room 6.

11 a.m. Food Show, sponsored by Sodexo. Angell Center Warren Ballrooms.

3 p.m. Career Development Workshop presents "Delivering a Dynamic Interview." Kehoe 6th Floor.

10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

12:15 p.m. Greek 101 Facilitator Interest Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

12:30 p.m. Showcase Presentation: Alternative Breaks, sponsored by Center for Service Learning & Volunteerism. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

12:30 p.m. The Einstein Project, sponsored by Foreign Languages & Literature Dept. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

3 p.m. Career Development Workshop, presents "Developing a Job Portfolio." Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

7 p.m. Greek Week Meetings. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

7 p.m. 4th Annual Arm Wrestling Tournament, sponsored by Interfraternity Council. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

4 p.m. ODK Membership Meeting. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

7 p.m. Coffee House/Open Mic, sponsored by Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. Angell College Center Point Snack Bar.

8 p.m. Choral Concert, FREE all welcome. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

9 a.m. Spring Open House, sponsored by Admission's Office. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

3 p.m. Inauguration Ceremony for President John Ettling. All are welcome to attend. Gynasium, Memorial Hall.

5 p.m. Inauguration Reception for President John Ettling. All are welcome to attend. Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

12 p.m. Club Caribbean Brunch, sponsored by Club Caribbean. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

2 p.m. Career Development Workshop, presents "Developing a Job Portfolio."

Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

7 p.m. Environmental Solutions Series, a bi-weekly speaker series focused on solutions to modern environmental problems. Sponsored by the Environmental Action Committee and Students for Direct Democracy. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.

7 p.m. Club Caribbean Movie Night. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

8 p.m. Student/Faculty Recital, Free. Faculty Pam Reimer, piano & Malcolm Balk, cello perform with student Adam Jahn, cello. Krinovitz Recital Hall.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

4:30 p.m. Monthly Faculty Senate Meeting. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.

4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

5 p.m. Order of Omega Induction. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

7 p.m. BINGO, sponsored by Club Caribbean. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

7 p.m. "Can I Kiss You?", A Sexual Assault Awareness Program, sponsored by the Center for Student Health and Psychological Services. Krinovitz Recital Hall.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

7:30 p.m. Club Caribbean Debate. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

8 p.m. Senior /Seminar Recital, sponsored by Music Department. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

10 a.m. Career Development Workshop, presents "Delivering a Dynamic Interview." Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

12 p.m. Plattsburgh UUP Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

1:30 p.m. Ethics Workshop,

sponsored by Communications Department. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

7 p.m. Poetry Reading by Naomi Ayala, sponsored by English Department. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.

8 p.m. Syracuse Symphony Performance, sponsored by the Music Department. Ticket prices TBA and will be sold at the Angell College Center Desk and the at the door. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

8 p.m. Club Caribbean Pageant. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

10 p.m. Club Caribbean After Party. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

9 a.m. TNT Rugby Tournament, sponsored by Sport & Wellness. Memorial Hall Field.

2 p.m. Student Association Barbeque. Angell College Center Courtyard.

3 p.m. Phi Eta Sigma Induction Ceremony. Krinovitz Recital Hall.

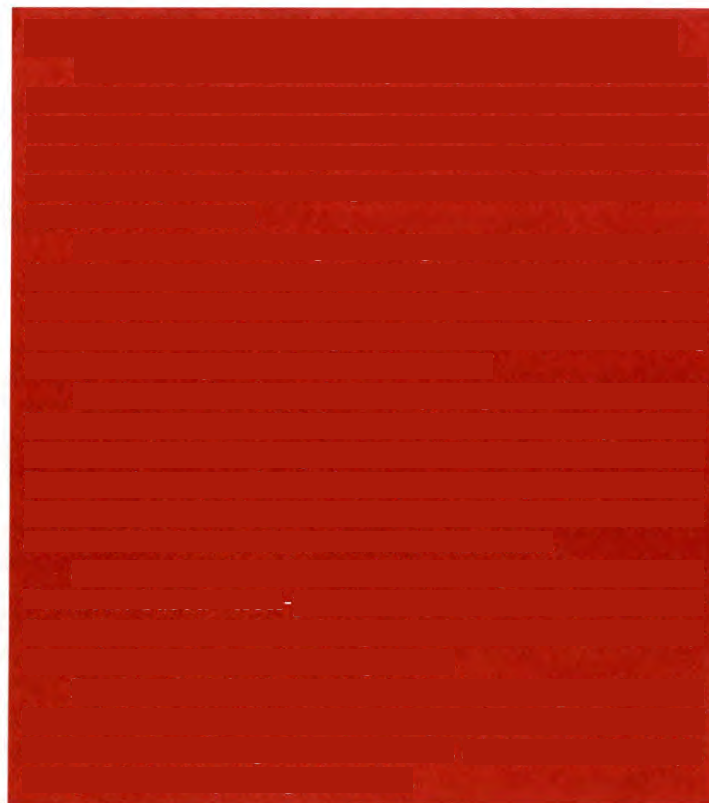
4 p.m. Omicron Delta Kappa New Member Induction. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

7 p.m. Gospelfest 2005, sponsored by the PSU Gospel Choir. Tickets: Advance sales are \$3 students, \$8 general admission, on sale at the ACC Desk. At the door sales are \$5 students, \$10 general admission. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

12 p.m. Kappa Delta Pi Induction, sponsored by Education Department. Angell Center Warren Ballrooms.

1:30 p.m. Phi Kappa Phi Induction Ceremony. E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.



SUNY Plattsburgh Hosts Annual Caribbean Cultural Festival

SUNY Plattsburgh will be alive with music, dancing and color when Club Caribbean hosts its annual week-long Caribbean Cultural Festival April 17 - 23, with the theme "Many Flames, One Fire."

"Our club's main purpose is to teach and share the cultures of all the Caribbean islands," said Chereese De Roche, Club Caribbean's president and a senior marketing major from St. Vincent and the Grenadines. "In particular, the Caribbean Cultural Festival is a creative way for us to present the traditions and languages that make Caribbean culture unique."

The week's events start on Sunday, April 17, with a mass at the Church of the Nazarene, 187 Broad Street at 11 a.m. This will be followed by a Sunday brunch in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center (ACC). This event is free and open to the public.

From Monday to Wednesday, April 18 - 20, there will be daily exhibitions in the ACC lobby at 11 a.m. The exhibitions will include presentations of art, crafts, products and food from the different islands in the Caribbean.

The nine students participating in the Miss SUNY Plattsburgh Caribbean Pageant later that week will also be available to meet and greet guests at these free events.

On Monday, April 18 at 8 p.m., Club Caribbean will host a free movie featuring Caribbean themes in Meeting Room 8, ACC.

Tuesday evening will be Caribbean Bingo Night at 8 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, ACC. The game will be based on a Caribbean theme and players will get the chance to win fun prizes. This event is also free and open to the public.

The second annual Miss SUNY Plattsburgh Caribbean Pageant will be held on Friday, April 22 at 8 p.m. in the Warren Ballrooms. Nine contestants representing their



The nine contestants for the Miss SUNY Plattsburgh Caribbean Pageant.

indigenous islands will compete for the title in the areas of ambassadorial speech, talent, carnival costumes and evening wear. Tickets are \$6 for SUNY Plattsburgh students and \$8 for all others. An after party will immediately follow the pageant at 10 p.m. in the Plattsburgh Room, ACC. Tickets cost \$3 for SUNY Plattsburgh students and \$5 for others.

The week's festivities will wrap up on Saturday, April 23 with the Queen's Ball at 10 p.m. in the Plattsburgh Room. This ball will be held in honor of the winner of the Miss SUNY Plattsburgh Caribbean Pageant.

The Caribbean cultural festival is sponsored by Mas Productions, Wellness Grant, College Auxiliary Services, Multicultural Programming, the President's Office, the Center for Diversity Pluralism and Inclusion and International Student Services.

For further information, contact Chereese De Roche at 564-6423.

Alumni Association Sponsors Programs for Current Students

The Plattsburgh Alumni Association is more than just an organization to assist and connect alumni to the College after they graduate. That's the message that the Alumni Association Board of Directors and Rose Anderson '95, director of Alumni Affairs at SUNY Plattsburgh, are sending to the campus community.

According to Anderson, the board is implementing new ways to help current students.

"Although the Alumni Association has been in existence for a number of years, we think that most students don't understand just how much assistance we can give," she said. "Therefore, we have decided to work smarter and to connect with our students now, instead of 10 years from now."

Two programs sponsored by the Alumni Association for enrolled students are the Shemet Alumni Speaker Series and the Alumni Student Grant.

The Shemet Alumni Speaker Series (which is named for Stephen Shemet '38 who pioneered the Plattsburgh Alumni Association) provides funds for overnight stays, receptions and campus tours for alumni who return to SUNY Plattsburgh to lecture in the classrooms and to the public.

"It is always wonderful when alumni return to campus to talk with students," said Anderson. "It is a positive experience for all those involved. Graduates get a chance to reconnect with the campus while students get the opportunity to do some networking and experience first hand just what can be accomplished with a SUNY Plattsburgh degree."

The Alumni Student Grant is a \$1,000 grant that will



Director of Alumni Affairs Rose Anderson '95 (right) and Assistant Director Ronna Bosko '98 G'03 (left).

help fund various programs and activities around campus.

"In these times of difficult budgets, we all work best when we work together," explained Anderson. "We are in no way immune to budget constraints ourselves. Yet, we want to show our future alumni that we are supportive of the activities that are important to them. This grant is a great way to do that."

Campus clubs and groups requesting aid will be able to obtain application forms from the Alumni Affairs Office, 113 Hawkins Hall.

For further information, contact the Alumni Affairs Office at 564-2090.



New York Times best-selling author Da Chen recently gave a presentation, "From China to Wall Street to Random House." Chen, author of *Colors of the Mountain* (Random House, 2000), also had a book signing at the College Store's Book Nook. During his presentation, Chen discussed his years growing up in China during the Cultural Revolution under Mao Zedong. In addition to *Colors of the Mountain*, he has written *Sounds of the River* (Harper Collins, 2002), his memoirs, and his first book of fiction for teens, *Wandering Warrior* (Delacorte Books, 2003). His visit was sponsored by Multicultural Programming, Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion and CAS.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Throughout the month of April, SUNY Plattsburgh will host a series of events as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. All events are free and open to the public.

"Our main goal for this month is to raise awareness by providing education about issues surrounding sexual assault," said Jessica Butts, campus health educator.

Some of the month's programs include an informational table in the lobby of the Angell College Center every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in April and a film series facilitated by faculty and campus clubs on Tuesday, April 12 and Wednesday April, 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Feinberg Library, Room 105.

An interactive performance on consent, dating and healthy relationships titled, "Can I Kiss You?" will be on Tuesday, April 19, at 7 p.m. in Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall. On Friday, April 29, a "Take Back the Night Rally" will begin at 7 p.m. in front of the Angell College Center.

Events throughout the month are sponsored by The Center for Student Health & Psychological Services, the Office for Violence Prevention, Office of Affirmative Action, MIA, TAWS, SNAPS, IFC, the Panhellenic Council, Sigma Tau Gamma, CAS, University Police, Student Affairs, the Wellness Programming Grant, the President's Office, NCAA, the Asian Club, Amnesty International, the College Foundation, Women's Studies, BACCHUS/GAMMA, Student Association, CWC, North Country Mental Health Players and SOUL.

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Two Faculty Members Receive SUNY Research Award

Two SUNY Plattsburgh faculty members have been selected to receive the Chancellor's Research Recognition Award.

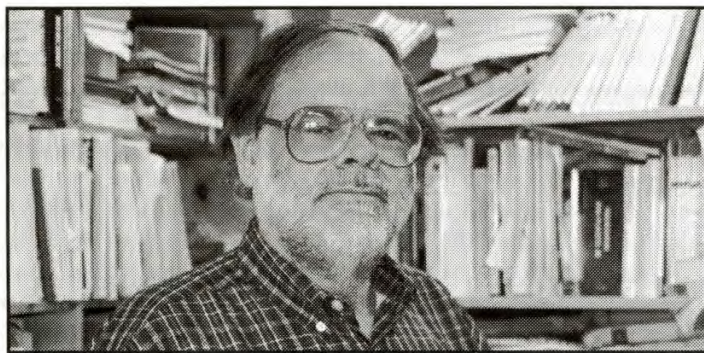
Dr. George J. Flynn, professor of mathematics and physics, and Dr. Jeanne Ryan, professor and chair of the psychology department, are among 52 recipients from various SUNY institutions being honored with this award at a dinner on Wednesday, May 4 at the SUNY Plaza in Albany.

"This is a great honor for Dr. Flynn and Dr. Ryan," said President John Ettling. "The caliber of their research has not only been recognized within SUNY but within their respective fields both nationally and internationally. One important part of their work is in the sharing of their expertise and knowledge with our students. It is an incredible opportunity for students to engage in research with our faculty."

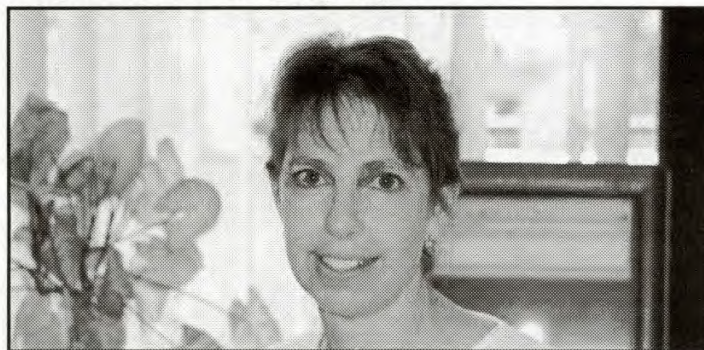
Dr. George J. Flynn has become a recognized researcher in the examination, characterization and trace element analysis of interplanetary and cosmic dust.

He has been the lead and co-author of more than 60 peer-reviewed articles and publications. He has also developed and served as the lead investigator on many research projects, some of which have involved collaborative efforts with Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Undergraduate and graduate students at SUNY Plattsburgh as well as graduate students through Brookhaven have worked with Flynn on his research. His



Dr. George Flynn (above) and Dr. Jeanne Ryan (below) will be honored in Albany May 4.



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Campus-Wide Planning Day Scheduled for May 16

Faculty and staff at SUNY Plattsburgh are encouraged to attend Spring Planning Day on Monday, May 16 from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

"Planning day is an important event," said President John Ettling. "Faculty and staff members will have the opportunity to hear about the state of the College."

The day's events will begin with a breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center.

At the breakfast, Nancy Dailey, vice president for institutional

advancement, will discuss the capital campaign.

From 9 to 10 a.m., the president and vice presidents will give summary reports from their respective areas.

From 10 a.m. to noon, there will be concurrent sessions on a variety of topics including instructional technology and pedagogy, the status of strategic planning initiatives and the status of teacher education accreditation efforts among others.

According to Dr. Robert Golden, SUNY Plattsburgh provost and vice president of academic affairs, plan-

ning day is designed to enhance a sense of community awareness and participation among faculty and staff of the College.

"Planning day allows the campus as a whole to have a greater understanding of the College's budget and planning initiatives," said Golden. "It also gives our faculty and staff a chance to give feedback on matters that are important to the entire campus community."

For more information on planning day, contact the Provost Office at 564-5402.

Campus Club Puts Emphasis on Community Service

Together All Women are Strong (TAWS) has been serving the Plattsburgh State campus and the community since fall 2000. The club has 20 active members who pitch in to do a variety of community service activities throughout the academic year.

Through their efforts, members raise and donate nearly \$500 per semester to multiple charities. TAWS members also donate time by participating in activities such as Adopt-A-Block, Adopt-A-Highway, the Alzheimer's Walk and the March of Dimes.

"TAWS is a great way to meet people and to become involved in our community," said Amber Gregory, TAWS president and a junior psychology major from Schenectady, N.Y.

TAWS also hosts charity events on campus. One such event is the annual Mr. Plattsburgh Pageant. Male students compete for the title of "Mr. Plattsburgh" in the categories of talent, lounge wear, evening wear and interview. Each year, TAWS donates the proceeds from the show to a different charity. This year they donated \$200 to the Red Cross.

"TAWS is a club that stands for commitment and dedication to community service," said the club's vice president, Rosemary Yacoob, a senior nursing major from Holbrook, N.Y. "It is also a great way to become involved in activities on and off campus in addition to meeting a variety of people. We also make an effort to get to know each other, because



The members of TAWS surround this year's Mr. Plattsburgh, Daniel Eckard, a junior biology/secondary education major from Richfield Springs, N.Y.

without our members, TAWS would not be where it is today."

TAWS is a student-run organization sponsored by the Student Association and is overseen by Shawn McElwain, the group's faculty advisor. They meet every Sunday at 7 p.m. in Meeting Room 8 in the Angell College Center.

For further information about TAWS, contact the SUNY Plattsburgh Student Association at 564-3200.

-- Aimee McCauley, PR Intern



Former Governor of Vermont Madeleine Kunin recently spoke on campus as part of the "Profiles in Commitment Series" sponsored by the American Democracy Project, in conjunction with the Presidential Speaker Series. The first woman governor of Vermont (1985-1991), Kunin also served as deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. ambassador to Switzerland under President Bill Clinton. Born in Zurich, Switzerland, Kunin immigrated to the United States in 1940. "Profiles in Commitment" features public figures who discuss how they became engaged in public life and the meaning of that engagement both for the broader society and for their own lives.

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work also involves other organizations such as the University of Chicago, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Southwest Research Institute among others.

"I am delighted that SUNY is recognizing contributions to research," said Flynn. "I have found researching the early solar system very interesting. I examine cosmic particles to figure out activities that took place billions of years ago."

Dr. Jeanne Ryan is a licensed psychologist. Through her tireless efforts, the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) program was established at SUNY Plattsburgh in 1994.

Ryan works with children, families, schools, health care professionals and community agencies to ensure that the needs of those with brain injuries are met. Ryan served as the coordinator of support group activities under the Brain Injury Association of New York State from 1989 to 1999.

She has opened the TBI program to the psychology department for student internship opportunities. She also routinely sponsors students in her research and scholarly activities including national and regional presentations and articles in peer-review journals.

Ryan received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1994.

"I am honored to receive this award," said Ryan. "At the same time I am humbled by my nomination for it because I know that there are many members of faculty and staff who are actively involved in the campus community."

The Chancellor Research Recognition Award winners must be actively involved in research, teaching and other community activities. Their research must have student involvement and where applicable, they must be actively involved in the publication and presentation of their work.

SIFE Team Wins Rookie-of-the-Year Award

The Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team from SUNY Plattsburgh received the Rookie-of-the-Year Award at the SIFE Regional Competition in New York City, N.Y., earlier this month.

Dr. James Csipak, SUNY Plattsburgh SIFE advisor and associate professor of marketing and entrepreneurship, is very proud of the team's efforts.

"Our SIFE team is made up of very hard-working and wonderful students," said Csipak. "I am very proud of them, and I know that we won not only because they worked hard, but

because they have such tremendous team spirit."

Ten of the 14 members of the SUNY Plattsburgh SIFE team attended the event and presented their project, which aims to link existing resources within the College's School of Business and Economics with those of the Small Business Development Center through the creation of a Small Business Incubator (SBI) located in the marketing and entrepreneurship department.

The SBI will conduct workshops to assist Clinton County women wanting to launch small businesses.

The project will help women entrepreneurs prepare and refine their business plans.

The SUNY Plattsburgh SIFE team members come from various majors. The team has recently revived after a 25-year dormant period.

Under the guidance of Dr. Nancy Church, distinguished service professor and chair of marketing and entrepreneurship, and Ronald Hobson, adjunct lecturer of management and international business, the initial team won two consecutive regional competitions and a national award.

Students Complete Advanced Honors Research Projects

Four seniors at SUNY Plattsburgh will complete their advanced honors program research projects this semester.

The advanced honors program consists of developing a research project and proposing it along with a budget to the Honors Council. Once the project is approved, the students begin a minimum of six credit hours, which is extended over at least two semesters.

The students usually spend one semester doing research for their topic. They must also write a 40 to 60-page paper and lead a public presentation about their results.

"The advanced honors program provides a superb basis with valuable experience for students to prepare for graduate-level work," said Dr. David Mowry, director of the honors program and distinguished teaching professor of philosophy. "In addition, advanced honors program students gain an in-depth understanding on a topic or issue that is especially important to them."

This semester's advanced honors students are Yassmeen Abdulhamid, an English literature major from Clifton Park, N.Y.; Sherie Davis, a cellular biochemistry major from Dominica; Anja Brand, an English literature major from Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; and Kathleen Lanzer, a biochemistry major from Plattsburgh.

"My research centered on Charlotte Bronte, the Victorian English novelist," said Abdulhamid. "I examined the notion of the parasitic male in Bronte's *Jane Eyre* and *The Professor*."

Like Abdulhamid, Brand's research focuses on a literary analysis.

"I am researching exiled Russian writers Vassily Aksyonov and Joseph Brodsky," said Brand. "I am analyzing the methods and symbols they used as preparation for and acceptance of exile."

The students involved also appreciate the level of independence the program offers.

"Working on an advanced honors project has enabled me to design and execute my own project from start to finish," said Lanzer. "I have learned techniques in molecular biology that will help me in finding a job and applying to



Yassmeen Abdulhamid, Anja Brand, Sherie Davis and Kathleen Lanzer are completing their Advanced Honors Research projects.

graduate school."

Davis' research focuses on silencing the ND7 gene in paramecium.

"This advanced honors project has been very helpful in allowing me to realize my love for research," said Davis. "It has also encouraged me to pursue a career in research after graduation."

The honors program at SUNY Plattsburgh is made up of nearly 300 students from an array of different programs. Students in the program must maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA.

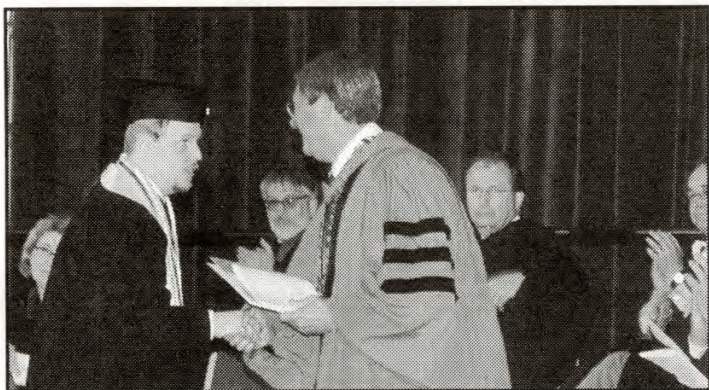
Each year approximately 12 students complete advanced honors research project. Beginning this year, students who have completed the honors program will receive a silver medallion to be worn at graduation and students who have completed the advanced honors program will receive a gold medallion to be worn at graduation.

-- Aimee McCauley, PR Intern

The Inauguration of the 10th Dr. John



President Ettling with his daughter, Sarah Ettling, and SUNY Board Chairman Thomas Egan and his wife, Cathleen Egan.



Michael Cashman, Student Association president, congratulates President Ettling.



Above: The SUNY Plattsburgh Symphonic Band performed several musical selections during the ceremony. Below: Traffic stopped on Rugar Street for the faculty procession from Angell to Memorial Hall.



It was a beautiful North Country spring day for John Ettling's Inauguration as the 10th president at SUNY Plattsburgh.

The day began with more than 1,400 prospective students and their families touring campus as part of Spring Open House.

An inaugural luncheon was held in the Algonquin Dining Hall with Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, as master of ceremonies.

Then it was on to the inauguration ceremony in the Memorial Hall Gymnasium at 3 p.m. Master of ceremonies Dr. Douglas Skopp, distinguished teaching professor of history and the College's historian, introduced a number of speakers including Elizabeth "Betty" Little, New York State senator; Chris Ortloff, assemblyman; Teresa Sayward, assemblywoman; Robert Butler '72, deputy chair of the Clinton County Legislature; Daniel Stewart, mayor of Plattsburgh; and Dr. Celine Paquette '60, member of the SUNY Board of Trustees.

Thomas Egan, chair of the SUNY Board of Trustees, then gave the charge to the president, and he, along with Paquette, presented President Ettling with his chain of office.

In his inaugural address, Ettling said that he was optimistic about the College's future.

"I am deeply honored to stand before you today as the tenth president of the College at Plattsburgh," Ettling said in his address. "That I am only the tenth president in 116 years suggests that this fine College has enjoyed an uncommon stability in leadership over the generations, a stability to which all here today hope we have now returned. With your help, we can make it so.

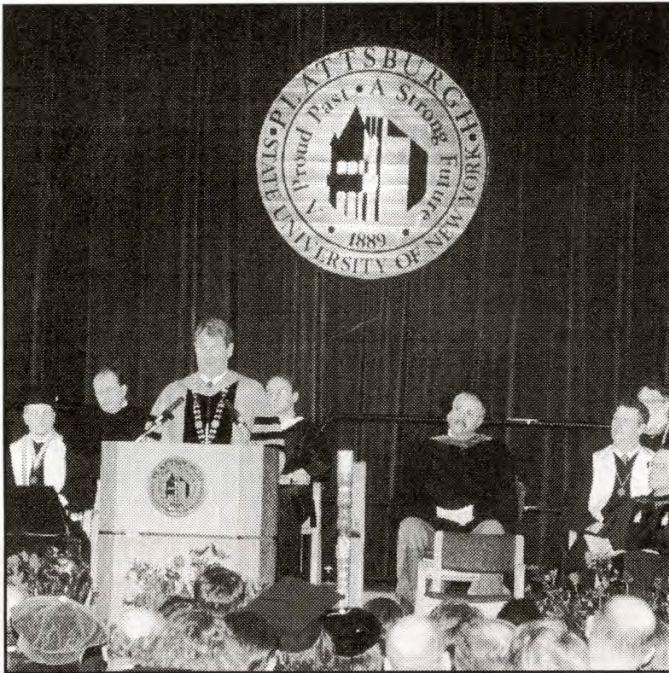
"Thirty or forty years from now, I would like my successor, whoever she is, to be able to sit down with Mike Cashman (S.A. president) and his classmates -- now a bit long in the tooth, but doing quite well for themselves, thank you.

"I would like to hear what Lisa and I have heard in these last several month traveling around the country meeting many of our alumni for the first time. Both of us are continually struck by how fondly these men and women of substance and accomplishment recall their days here on this campus and how grateful they are to their alma mater for preparing them for their subsequent success."

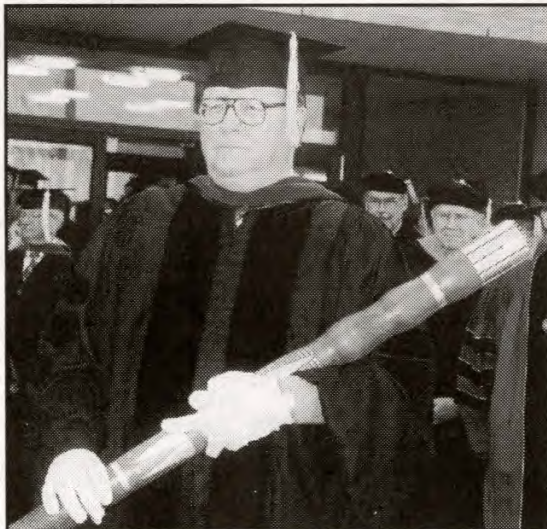
A public reception was held immediately following the ceremony in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center.

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President of SUNY Plattsburgh Ettling



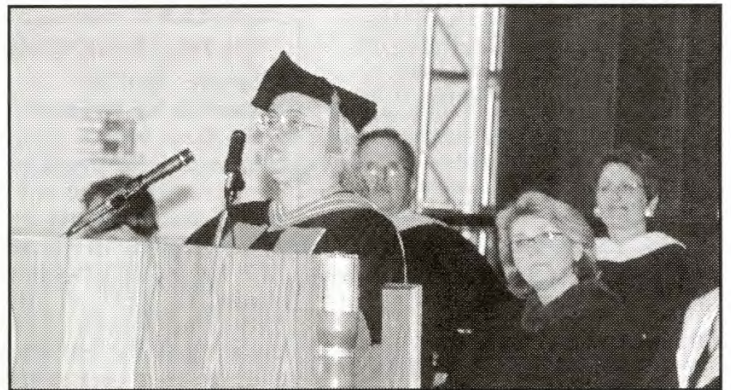
President John Ettling delivers his inaugural address to about 300 people.



Faculty Marshall Dr. Charles Zinser, professor of geography, prepares to lead delegates and faculty to the ceremony.



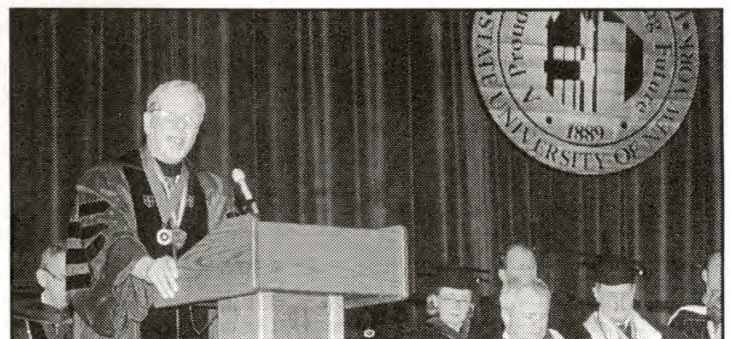
President Ettling poses for a family portrait with Nina (Lewis) Smart, sister-in-law; Dr. Robert Lewis, father-in-law; his wife, Lisa Lewis; and his daughter, Sarah Ettling.



Dr. Ann Tracy, SUNY distinguished teaching professor of English, spoke on behalf of the faculty.



Above: Faculty members listen to President Ettling's inaugural address. Below: Dr. Douglas Skopp, SUNY distinguished professor of history and college historian, served as Master of Ceremonies for the inauguration of President Ettling.



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FOCUS Calendar

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

12 p.m. Asian Studies Forum. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.
8 p.m. Club Caribbean Pageant and After Party. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

9 a.m. TNT Rugby Tournament. Memorial Hall Field.
10 a.m. Annual Spring Arts and Crafts Fair. Admission: Free of charge for SUNY Plattsburgh Students with ID and children under 12, \$2 general admission, payable at the door. Field House.
2 p.m. SA Barbeque. Angell College Center Courtyard.
3 p.m. Phi Eta Sigma Induction Ceremony. Krinovitz Recital Hall.
4 p.m. Omicron Delta Kappa New Member Induction. Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.
7 p.m. Gospelfest 2005. Tickets: Advance sales are \$3 students, \$8 general admission, on sale at the ACC Desk. At the door sales are \$5 students, \$10 general admission. Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.
10 p.m. Mystery Science Theatre Revival. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

1:30 p.m. Phi Kappa Phi Spring Induction Ceremony. Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

MONDAY, APRIL 25

12 p.m. Longevity Luncheon, sponsored by President's Office. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.
8 p.m. Chamber Ensembles I Performance. Free concert. Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

11 a.m. Career Development Workshop presents "Creating Resumes and Cover Letters." Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.
12 p.m. UUP Membership Meeting. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.
12:15 p.m. Greek New Member Workshops. Angell Center Meeting Room 8.
4 p.m. Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

1 p.m. Mexico Study Abroad Presentation. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.
7 p.m. CDPI Film Series: "Real Women Have Curves", presents "Real Women Have Curves." Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.
8 p.m. Chamber Ensembles II Performance. Free concert. Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.
10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate

Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

8 p.m. Adirondack Brass Quintet. Free concert. Krinovitz Recital Hall.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

4 p.m. ODK Membership Meeting. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.
7 p.m. Take Back the Night, sponsored by Center for Womyn's Concerns. Amite Plaza.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

2 p.m. Alpha Sigma Lambda Induction. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

Spring Fest 2005

Saturday, April 30

Schedule of Events:

Field Day, 1 to 5 p.m. at Memorial Field (free).

Concert, gates open at 5:30 p.m., concert starts at 7 p.m., Field House. Tickets: \$10 for SUNY Plattsburgh students; \$15 for non-SUNY Plattsburgh students; \$20 for all others. Must be 16 or over to enter.

Concert Line Up:

Lloyd Banks, Vanessa Carlton, Greenwheel and Tanto Metro and Devonte. Spring Fest is sponsored by the Student Association.

MONDAY, MAY 2

7 p.m. Environmental Solutions Series, sponsored by the Environmental Action Committee and Students for Direct Democracy. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.
8 p.m. Performance Class, sponsored by Music Department. Krinovitz Recital Hall.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

11 a.m. CVPH Blood Drive. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
12 p.m. Committee on Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

6:30 p.m. Journalism Symposium. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

7:30 p.m. Guitar Ensemble Concert. Free concert. Krinovitz Recital Hall.

10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

8:30 a.m. Healthy Body &

Healthy Mind, sponsored by Alzheimer's Disease Asst. Center. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.

7 p.m. "Farewell Concert" by Richard Elicier. Krinovitz Recital Hall.

8 p.m. Greek New Member Diversity Enlightenment. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

8 p.m. Faculty Composers Concert, sponsored by Music Department. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

8 p.m. Speaker: Dr. Otto Wahl, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

2 p.m. TEAM End of Semester Gathering, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

4:30 p.m. Monthly Faculty Senate Meeting. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

2 p.m. Education, Health & Human Services Awards Ceremony. Krinovitz Recital Hall.

3 p.m. Senior Reception, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell Center Flynt Commons.

5 p.m. Arts & Science Academic Achievement Award Ceremony. Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

8 a.m. School of Business & Economics Breakfast. Angell Center Warren Ballrooms.

10 a.m. Commencement Ceremony for the School of Business and Economics and Education, Health and Human Services. Graduating seniors should be at the Field House at 9:15 a.m.

2 p.m. Commencement Ceremony for Arts and Science. Graduating seniors should be at the Field House at 1:15 p.m.

College Council Report

The College Council held its last regularly scheduled meeting on April 7.

In addition to regular reports on the budget, enrollment management and the capital campaign, several resolutions were unanimously passed by the council.

A resolution was passed commending Arnold Amell '53 for his service as the acting chair of the council. He served as acting chair following the resignation of Robert Garrow '52 in February 2004 until Donald Garran '57 G'59 was appointed chair by Governor George Pataki in December 2004.

A second resolution was passed in support of legislation (S. 719) to increase the penalties for hazing in New York State. The legislation was sponsored by New York State Senator Elizabeth "Betty" Little.

Another resolution honored C. Thomas "Chip" Cummings '56 as the recipient of the 2005 Distinguished Service Award. The council lauded Cummings for his passionate support of the College, its students and fellow graduates. Cummings will receive the award at commencement on Saturday, May 14.

The fourth resolution urged continued funding of the federal TRIO Upward Bound Program. Copies of the resolution will be forwarded to President George Bush, U.S. Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer and Congressman John McHugh.

The College Council meets 6 times a year, every other month. These meetings are open to the public. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9.

Student Profile: Zachary Warner

Zachary Warner, a sophomore from Averill Park, N.Y., is a perfect example of how engaged students can become on campus in a short period of time.

Warner, an adolescence-math major, recalls that one of the main reasons he chose SUNY Plattsburgh was due to the positive feedback he received from the faculty.

"I felt like the faculty at SUNY Plattsburgh wanted me to come here and be a part of this campus," he said. "No other school did that for me."

Warner also viewed the school as having a good education program as well as being a comfortable distance away from home.

A member of the track team, Warner is a presidential scholar and a member of the Honor Student Association (HSA). He is also a member of Phi Eta Sigma, the national freshman honor society, and has been on the Dean's List.

Warner has already been approved to be a resident assistant and a student ambassador starting next semester. He will also be an English 101 teaching assistant under the supervision of Dennis Aprill, lecturer in journalism.

Warner has enjoyed and appreciates the value of the education he has received at SUNY Plattsburgh. According



Warner

to Warner, the Honors Center has also enriched his SUNY Plattsburgh experience. He enjoys the seminars and believes that they present wonderful opportunities.

"The faculty and staff who run the seminars are great," said Warner. "They encourage the students to have more discussions than are possible in a normal classroom setting. This allows students to listen to different views."

Warner's favorite professor is Dr. David Mowry, director of the honors program and distinguished teaching professor of philosophy. According to Warner, Mowry is very friendly and helpful, and he is always available and easy to talk to.

Warner's favorite class thus far has been National Issues: From Controversy to Consensus (HON 130) with Mowry.

"This class was my favorite because it was discussion-based," he said. "The class was focused on sharing ideas and opinions. There was no right or wrong."

Warner's advice to fellow students is to take advantage of the opportunities at SUNY Plattsburgh.

"Don't be afraid to get involved," he said. "Also, if there is something you want, always give it a shot."

Although his college career has just begun, Warner has big plans for the future. Warner wants to eventually be a high school math teacher and the coach of soccer and track at the high school level.

--Jennifer Vargas, PR Intern

Spotlight on faculty and staff

Dr. Mohamed Djerdjouri, professor in the School of Business and Economics, has co-authored a paper, "Les pratiques de qualite dans les entreprises manufacturieres et de services connexes du Nouveau Brunswick," published in *La Revue Organisations et Territoires*.

Carla List-Handley, distinguished librarian, led a workshop, "Building a Better Mousetrap Graduate: Information Literacy in Your Syllabus," at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pa. This semester she has also attended a workshop, "Building Bridges between Libraries and Faculty: Information Literacy in the Curriculum," sponsored by the South Central Regional Library Council. She has also traveled to Indiana University of Pennsylvania to lead the workshop, "Making the Invisible Visible: Identifying and Incorporating Information Literacy in

Your Curriculum." List-Handley will lead another workshop in May in Potsdam, N.Y. on "Teaching as Performance," sponsored by the Northern New York Library Network.

Allison Swick-Duttine, coordinator of Greek Affairs and Leadership Development, was recently honored with the Guenzler Outstanding Advisor Award at the annual Northeast Greek Leadership Association (NGLA) Awards held in Pittsburgh, Pa. As a member of the Association of Fraternity Advisors (AFA), Swick-Duttine is the editor of the *Perspectives* magazine. She has also presented at several workshops for meetings held by the AFA and NGLA. She is the director of educational programs for the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority and has received the distinguished faculty award in 2003 and 2004 from the SUNY Plattsburgh Interfraternity Council. Student Pat Parker was also honored at the NGLA Awards with the Greek Leaders of Distinction Award. A member of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Parker was one of only 10 fraternity/sorority leaders in the Northeast to receive this recognition.

Dr. Susana Yu, assistant professor of economics and finance, has

recently presented a paper, "Beyond Long-Term Returns: Mean-Variance Efficiency and CAPM," at the Southern Finance Association conference in Naples, Fla. She has also co-authored the paper, "Intraday price reversals in the U.S. stock index futures market: A 15-year study," which was published in the *Journal of Banking and Finance*.



Djerdjouri



List-Handley



Swick-Duttine



Yu

SUNY Plattsburgh Students Do Research in Mexico

When most students plan a spring break trip to Mexico, they seldom envision receiving a grade for their efforts.

During the recent break, eleven SUNY Plattsburgh students traveled to Mexico to do research as part of their Political Economy of Sustainable Development (INT 301) course.

The students were accompanied by their faculty supervisors Dr. Ellen Fitzpatrick, associate professor of economics, Latin American studies and Asian studies, and Oscar Flores, lecturer of foreign languages and literature and Latin American studies.

The trip started in the town of Guadalajara where the students experienced sustainable development projects in rural, low-income communities. They later moved on to communities in the state of Nayarit where they worked on a variety of projects.

Some students focused on the effect that a World Bank dam is having on indigenous people in the area. Others examined the sustainability of shrimp farming in the mangrove swamps along the Pacific coast. A third group of students studied a women's cooperative where yogurt is manufactured. They examined the growth of the collective, which has evolved from a kitchen project to a state-of-the-art, yogurt-producing facility.

The visit also gave the students time to appreciate some of the cultural aspects of Mexico. They visited museums, a tequila factory and the University of Guadalajara.

"Experiencing the struggle that many in the third world face can be transformational for our students," said Fitzpatrick. "Often students' view of the world and their place in the world are broadened by the experience. I believe



The group poses for a photo while in Mexico.

that establishing programs that are able to do that is one of the most important things a liberal arts institution can do."

The students who participated in the trip were Tom Azzarella, Janice Bonsu, Joseph Ceradini, Eric Fiske, Lance Jefferson, Benjamin Jolly, Delphina Liles, Brendon Nicholas, Samantha Robillard, Jeremiah Ward and Carolyn Wharton.

Tom Azzarella, a senior earth and environmental science major from Williamsville, N.Y., said that the course and trip provided a wonderful experience.

"The trip was truly amazing," said Azzarella. "Sustainable development is a field that I am hoping to go into when I graduate. So it was a great opportunity to use what we had been discussing in class."

The students will make a presentation about the trip Wednesday, April 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Plattsburgh Room, Angell College Center. All are invited to attend.

Journalism Symposium May 4

The Journalism and English Departments are hosting a journalism symposium on Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.

The event will be comprised of readings, hands-on advice and discussions about journalism and the craft of writing. There will also be two featured speakers including acclaimed novelist Thurston Clarke and award-winning travel writer Wendy Knight.

Clarke is widely acclaimed for his works of fiction and non-fiction, including *Pearl Harbor Ghosts*, *By Blood and Fire*, *California Fault*, *Equator* and many more. He has also written for *Glamour*, *Vanity Fair*, *Travel Holiday* and numerous other magazines and newspapers. He has received the Publication Award for the Geographic Society of Chicago, a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Lowell Thomas Award for travel literature.

Knight is currently the editor of *Far From Home: Father Daughter Travel Adventures* and *Making Connections: Mother Daughter Travel Adventures*. She contributes to a range of publications including the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times* and *Vermont Life* among others. She has also been the recipient of an Award of Excellence Honorable Mention in the North American Travel Journalists Association's 2004 awards competition.

For more information on the symposium, contact Gretel Schueller, assistant professor of journalism, at 564-2425.

-- Jennifer Vargas, PR Intern



Six Plattsburgh State Baseball seniors assisted President John Ettling with the ceremonial first pitch Tuesday, April 19 at Chip Cummings Field before a doubleheader with Clarkson University. Plattsburgh went on to win both games. The victories gave Plattsburgh a 17-9 record with 11 regular season games remaining on the schedule. The 17 wins already surpasses the school record for wins in a season (14). The six seniors are: Dennis Lavin from Syracuse, N.Y.; Matt Kahan from Levittown, N.Y.; Mike Bergman from Plattsburgh; Sean Elliott from Colonie, N.Y.; Joe Light from Cadyville, N.Y.; and Jon Lerner from Valley Falls, N.Y.

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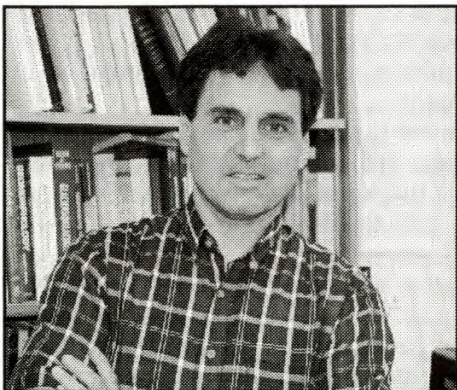
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Franzi Promoted to Distinguished Teaching Professor



Franzi

Dr. David A. Franzi has been promoted to the rank of distinguished teaching professor of earth and environmental science.

According to President John Ettling, Franzi is a gifted and talented teacher-scholar who seeks to engage students in every course he teaches.

"Dr. Franzi did not only meet, but exceeded the criteria for promotion to the rank of distinguished teaching professor," said Ettling. "I strongly and enthusiastically support this promotion."

Franzi received his undergraduate degree from Eastern Connecticut State University in 1977 and his graduate degree from Miami University in 1980. He received his doctorate from Syracuse University in 1984.

Franzi joined the teaching faculty at SUNY Plattsburgh in 1985 and was promoted to the rank of professor in 1995. Since his initial appointment at SUNY Plattsburgh, Franzi has developed and taught 10 courses in geology.

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Faculty/Staff Members Receive Chancellor's Award

Four faculty members and one staff member at SUNY Plattsburgh have been selected to receive the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence.

Dr. Dexter L. Criss, assistant professor of chemistry, Dr. Mohamed Djerdjouri, professor of management and international business, and Dr. Michael Morales, assistant professor of psychology are the recipients the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. James Lindgren, professor of history, is the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activity.

Terrence Myers, Jr., staff associate of computing and media services, is the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

The recipients will be honored during the President's Welcome prior to the start of the fall semester.

Criss joined the SUNY Plattsburgh faculty in 1999. He received his bachelor's degree from Delta State University in 1988 and his master's and doctorate from Mississippi State University in 1994 and 1999.

"Dr. Criss is a gifted and talented teacher who transcends normal boundaries in his teaching life," said President John Ettling. "His activities on campus and in the community make him a dedicated and committed faculty member who is above the norm."

Criss teaches organic chemistry and is the lead author of five publications and 13 professional presentations. He has received numerous awards and recognition from various organizations including Sigma Xi (national scientific

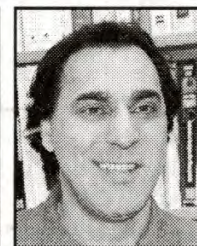
research honors society), *Who's Who Among Teachers in American Colleges and Universities* and Xi Sigma Pi (national forestry honors society). He is a member of the American Chemical Society. On campus, he is the director of the Plattsburgh State Gospel Choir and the advisor of the Chemistry Club and the African Unity Organization.

Djerdjouri came to SUNY Plattsburgh in 1999 as associate professor of management.

He was promoted to the rank of professor in 2003. Prior to beginning his tenure at SUNY Plattsburgh, Djerdjouri was a professor at Laurentian University in Canada and at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji. He holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Universite des Sciences et de la Technologic Algiers in Algeria and he received his master's and doctorate degrees from Case Western Reserve University.



Criss



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Lindgren



Myers

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Student Profile: Introducing Angel Acosta

Although he is only a first-year student at SUNY Plattsburgh, Angel Acosta, an anthropology major from Manhattan, N.Y., is determined to make a name for himself both through his academics and in the campus community.

Acosta came to SUNY Plattsburgh from Seward Park High School in Manhattan.

"I visited SUNY Plattsburgh during last spring's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) bus trip," said Acosta. "I liked it immediately because I felt so comfortable in this environment."

Acosta is a member of the Honors Student Association (HSA). He is a peer recruiter and provides assistance in the Admissions and EOP offices. He was recently awarded the Redcay Honors Scholarship. This fall, he will start his duties as a student ambassador. He is also a resident assistant in Whiteface Hall.

"I applied to be an RA for next year, and I was quite surprised when I got a call from Campus Life asking me to start this semester," said Acosta. "I was excited and nervous at the same time. I knew it would be a challenge, but this was a chance to take up a position of leadership."

According to Acosta, one of the best things about SUNY Plattsburgh is the endless resources available here.

"I like the fact that whenever I need something, help is



Acosta

right around the corner," he said. "If faculty, staff and students do not have the answers, they will not stop until they help me find someone who does. It is this kind of selflessness that makes this school a home away from home."

Acosta has enjoyed all of his courses at SUNY Plattsburgh. However, he has a preference for classes that are discussion-based.

"I like seminar-type classes best because I learn more through dialogue," said Acosta. "I enjoy sharing my

opinions and listening to those of others. This helps me to appreciate diverse thoughts."

His advice for students, particularly freshmen, is to work on self-development.

"I always say there are three aspects in the formula for success," he said. "These are communication, determination and imagination. I think the philosopher Aristotle put it best when he said 'Excellence is not an act ... it is a habit.'"

He is enthusiastic about his future at SUNY Plattsburgh.

"This is just the beginning for me," said Acosta. "Next year, I want to get more involved through community services projects. That is a great way to open myself up, not just to the College, but also to the Plattsburgh community. I also hope to study abroad later on."

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Djerdjouri is actively involved in research and scholarship and has published eight articles in refereed journals since 2000. He has nine authored/co-authored refereed articles in proceeding, one book, one edited proceedings publication and he has presented several papers/abstracts at conferences.

"Dr. Djerdjouri is active, engaged, thoughtful and analytical," said Ettling. "In his relatively short time at SUNY Plattsburgh, he has emerged as a highly skilled leader and teacher-scholar."

Morales also joined the faculty of SUNY Plattsburgh in 1999. He received his undergraduate (1989), graduate (1992) and doctorate (1995) degrees from the University of California, Riverside.

"Dr. Morales models the very best we seek to develop as teacher scholars within the community at SUNY Plattsburgh," said Ettling.

Along with his students, Morales has given more than 27 presentations at conferences. He is the lead author of five books and he has co-authored eight journal articles and a book chapter. He has also received numerous awards and recognition including being named among the *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* and the Outstanding Adult Student Educator Award.

Lindgren has been a member of the SUNY Plattsburgh faculty for the past 20 years. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Dayton in 1972 and 1977. He received his doctorate from

the College of William and Mary in 1984.

"Dr. Lindgren is a rigorous and thorough teacher," said Ettling. "He clearly meets and exceeds the selection criteria for the Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activity Award."

Lindgren has recently completed his three-year term as chair of the history department. He is the author of two books and is currently working on a third book. He is also the author of 19 published or about to be published essays and 16 book reviews. He gives lectures and presentations across the country.

Myers joined the professional staff at SUNY Plattsburgh as the Helpdesk/Residential Network (ResNet) coordinator in August 1998. He received a bachelor's in computer science from SUNY Plattsburgh in 1994.

"Mr. Myers is one of those unique individuals for whom this award was intended," said Ettling. "He is an extraordinary professional who reaches out to work with others to get the job accomplished no matter how small or large."

In his position at SUNY Plattsburgh, Myers is responsible for the primary computing support help desk, software and hardware support across campus and supervising student and professional technicians.

He also manages the campus computer replacement program and ResNet services for Web-driven databases. Myers' operations cover more than 5,000 computers for students, faculty and staff.

Two Students Receive Killam Fellowships

Two students at SUNY Plattsburgh have been selected to receive Killam Fellowship Awards for the academic year 2005-2006.

Robert Abel and Janine Gauthier are among the 21 students from American universities and colleges chosen to receive this \$10,000 award for a full academic year of study at a Canadian university.

Dr. David Mowry, director of SUNY Plattsburgh's honors program and distinguished teaching professor of philosophy, and Dr. Christopher Kirkey, director of the Center for the Study of Canada, are co-chairs of the Killam Fellowship Program selection committee at SUNY Plattsburgh.

"SUNY Plattsburgh's participation in the Killam Fellowship Program is an honor," said Mowry. "It is also a clear indication of the outstanding education the College provides for its students. We look forward to more students having the opportunity to study in Canada and to welcoming Canadian students who wish to study at SUNY Plattsburgh."

Abel is a sophomore anthropology major from Brewster, N.Y. He has participated in a number of Adirondack Experience programs. Abel is also a member of the Honors Student Association, Phi Eta Sigma (national freshman honor society), the French Club and the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion's TEAM program.

Last year, Abel was involved with the Environmental Action Committee. In 2003, he was awarded the Canadian Studies Hydro-Quebec Scholarship. He has chosen to attend the University of Toronto.

"I can hardly believe that I won



Left to right: Dr. David Mowry, Janine Gauthier, Dr. Christopher Kirkey and Robert Abel.

this award," said Abel. "I am happy that I have been given a chance to study in Canada. It will be my honor to represent both SUNY Plattsburgh and my country."

Gauthier is a senior Canadian studies major originally from Montreal but residing in Plattsburgh.

She is a member of Alpha Sigma Lambda (national honor society for non-traditional adult students). She is also the winner of the Lucienne Glaubinger Scholarship in 2004.

Gauthier will be attending the Institute of Canadian Studies at the University of Ottawa.

"I am very excited about being awarded the Killam Fellowship," said Gauthier. "I am looking forward to completing my undergraduate program in Canada and hopefully moving on to a master's in Canadian studies."

Lindsey Jakiel, a senior mass communications and Canadian studies major from Buffalo, N.Y. and one of

SUNY Plattsburgh's first Killam Fellows during the 2003-2004 academic year, offered her congratulations to this year's winners.

"I would like to wish the new Killam Fellows all the success in the world," she said. "This is truly the opportunity of a lifetime. I thoroughly enjoyed the year I spent at York University in Toronto."

Killam Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis. SUNY Plattsburgh is one of 10 universities and colleges in the United States eligible to nominate students for the Killam Fellowships.

A parallel program supports students from Canada who wish to study at a university or college in the United States. Funding for these fellowships is provided through the Killam American Trusts.

For further information, contact Dr. Mowry at 564-3075 or Dr. Kirkey at 564-2086.

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He supports high quality research opportunities for students that have been nationally peer-reviewed through the National Science Foundation (NSF) review process. He is a member of the Geological Society of America and the Geological Association of Canada.

His scholarly productivity has also been robust. He has authored and co-authored 19 professional papers, 14 consulting reports and 39 published abstracts.

Franzi received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1997.

Franzi said he is privileged to be promoted to the position of distinguished teaching professor.

"I am honored to have received this appointment," he said. "I consider it a privilege to have had the opportunity to work closely with so many excellent students, dedicated faculty and good friends for so many years."

The rank of distinguished teaching professor is awarded by the SUNY Board of Trustees. The award recognizes those who have achieved national and international prominence and a distinguished reputation in a chosen field.

The distinguished professorship honors outstanding teaching at the graduate, undergraduate and professional level.

focus on seniors

On Saturday, May 14, SUNY Plattsburgh will send forth another group of graduates who are off to start the next step in their lives. Some will continue their education at institutions across the country while others will enter the workforce. We're proud of each and every one of them and can be confident that they have a solid foundation as a result of their SUNY Plattsburgh education. The following articles highlight a few students from the Plattsburgh State Class of 2005. (Written by Aimee McCauley and Jennifer Vargas, public relations interns.)

John Takyi Asare is a biochemistry major from Ghana.

Asare was able to complete the requirements for attaining his degree in just two and a half years at SUNY Plattsburgh.

He is the recipient of the Charles Blood Scholarship for best pre-med student.

After graduation, Asare plans to go to medical school.

"I've worked hard for the past five semesters, and I'm happy to be graduating," said Asare. "Education at SUNY Plattsburgh is really amongst the best."



Asare

Athena DiLorenzo is a child and family services major from Schenectady, N.Y.

She has been a member of the SUNY Plattsburgh women's basketball team and was the most valuable player for the 2004 Cardinal Classic tournament. She is a member of the Alpha Phi Omega (international community service fraternity) and Chi Alpha Sigma (national athletic leadership honor society).

"Being involved on campus really showed me that there are a lot of opportunities out there, I have made great memories at SUNY Plattsburgh."



DiLorenzo

Gustavo A. Espinal is a graphic design major with a minor in business from Brooklyn, N.Y. He is currently a graphic design intern in the SUNY Plattsburgh Office of Public Relations.

Espinal's art was included in the Senior Art Exhibition Show in the Myers Fine Arts Building. He was also a member of the SUNY Plattsburgh men's baseball team for three years.

His favorite professor at SUNY Plattsburgh has been Norman Taber, associate professor of art.

"Mr. Taber has always been there for me," said Espinal. "He has been a true mentor as well as a good teacher."

After graduation, Espinal plans to work as a graphic designer for the *New Yorker* magazine.



Espinal

Thomas Azzarella is an earth and environmental science major from Williamsville, N.Y. After he graduates, Azzarella will continue on to graduate school to study sustainable development and agriculture.

Azzarella is an RA in Mason Hall. He is also a member of the Sexual Orientation Ubiquity League (SOUL), the Outing Club, the Center for Womyn's Concerns and the Twin Valley's Adviseement Task Force.

"Campus groups and the community of Plattsburgh gave me an education that was more than just academic," said

Azzarella. "This taught me the skills I needed to be an active member of a civic society."

Azzarella was the recipient of the Freshman Community Service Scholarship, the Freshman Achievement Scholarship, the Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership honor society) Outstanding Sophomore Award and the Anthony Santandrea Memorial Scholarship among others.



Azzarella

Jacquelyn E. Canning, from Altona, N.Y., is a biology and psychology major with a minor in chemistry. After graduation, Canning plans on applying to medical school.

Canning said that she is confident that her time here has given her a strong base to build upon.

"I am a little sad to be leaving Plattsburgh, but it feels good to know that I will be moving on with a great education."

Canning was the recipient of the Outstanding Psychology Student Award, the Award for Academic

Excellence in Psychology, the Presidential Award for Student Excellence and the Outstanding Psychology Student Award.

Canning is also a member of many organizations, clubs and honor societies on campus including, Phi Kappa Phi (national academic honor society), Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership honor society) and the Pre-Med Club.



Canning

Aleksandar Popovski is a political science and philosophy major from Macedonia.

"Plattsburgh offers a well-rounded liberal arts education, which can prepare a young man or woman for any challenges that lie ahead," he said.

Popovski is the founder and president of the Poetry Club, a member of Phi Eta Sigma (national freshman honor society) and a member of Pi Sigma Alpha (national political science honor society).

He has also won the Philosophy Award for Excellence, the Wocjik Award for Outstanding Graduating Senior in Political Science and the Phi Kappa Phi (national academic honor society) Sophomore Essay Award.

Popovski plans on applying to the Ancient Language/Philosophy post-graduate program at Princeton University.



Popovski

focus on seniors

Julie Anna Ritchie is a biology major from Newark Valley, N.Y.

Ritchie has been a member of SUNY Plattsburgh's Campus Democrats and Progressives and has served as the club's vice president.

She was awarded the Faculty Undergraduate Research Endowment and the Philip Walker Undergraduate Research Award in Biology.

After she graduates, Ritchie plans on attending the University of Massachusetts-Amherst where she has been accepted into the plant biology graduate program.

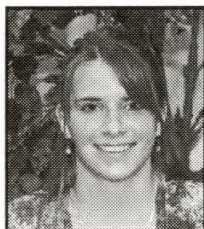


Ritchie

Cassie Alexander, from Saranac, N.Y., will be graduating with a degree in Food and Nutrition.

She has been accepted for an American Dietetic Association accredited dietetic internship at the Sage Colleges in Albany.

Alexander is a member of the Plattsburgh State cross-country and track teams. She has made both SUNY Plattsburgh and SUNYAC-All Academic teams since spring of 2003. She also received the NCAA National Student Athlete Day Award in spring 2004 and 2005.

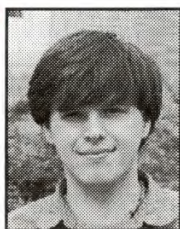


Alexander

Kirby Keeton from Kingsport, Tenn., will be graduating summa cum laude with a degree in anthropology and a minor in geography.

He is a member of the Honors Student Association and previously served as the president of the College Democrats and Progressives.

In fall 2004, he traveled to northern India to work as an intern researching development and tourism for the Central Tibetan Administration. He wrote the paper, "Inspiring Possibilities: What western progressives have gained and have to gain from Tibetans in exile," which was later published in the Indian news magazine, *Tibetan Review*.



Keeton

Alyssa Amyotte, from Lacona, N.Y., is a anthropology major with minors in psychology and sociology.

Amyotte will be returning to SUNY Plattsburgh in the fall to pursue her graduate degree in student affairs professional practice within the counselor education program.

"SUNY Plattsburgh has been great," said Amyotte. "I have had wonderful professors and amazing experiences both in and outside of the classroom."

Amyotte has received the Freshman Community Scholarship, the Janice Beach Memorial Community Scholarship and the Academic Excellence Scholarship. She is involved in Project HELP and has been on eight Alternative Spring and Winter Breaks.



Amyotte

Conor McDonough, from Ontario, Canada, will be graduating this May with a degree in biology and a minor in chemistry.

McDonough is a member of the SUNY Plattsburgh men's hockey team. In 2002 and 2004, he was an NCAA semi-finalist and a member of the SUNYAC All-Academic Team.

As a student, McDonough was more than just an athlete. He made Dean's List every semester and was a recipient of the Semmler Award. He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa (the national leadership honor society) and Chi Alpha Sigma (national athletic leadership honor society).

After graduation, McDonough plans to continue his education at dental school.



McDonough

Kimberley Sebastian is a political science and international business major from Dominica.

Sebastian's favorite professor at SUNY Plattsburgh is Dr. James Csipak.

"His boundless energy makes it easy for students to identify with him," said Sebastian. "He is always willing to help students."

Sebastian is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership honor society) and Pi sigma Alpha (national political science honor society).

"My education here has been wonderful," said Sebastian. "Graduation is the validation of hard work, scholastic achievement and dedication."



Sebastian

Sarah Shuster, from Oppenheim, N.Y., is a chemistry major with a minor in biology. Next fall, she will be attending veterinarian school at Michigan State University.

She is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership honor society), Phi Kappa Phi (national academic honor society) and Phi Eta Sigma (national freshman honor society). She is a recipient of the Freshman Merit Scholarship, the Craig A. Koste Scholarship and the George F. Sheats Scholarship, the Freshman Chemistry Award and the American Chemical Society award.



Shuster

Jana Fitzpatrick, from Watertown N.Y., is a Latin America studies major with minors in Spanish and cultural anthropology.

"I have taken full advantage of my years here at SUNY Plattsburgh, but I am definitely looking forward to moving on and seeing what else is in store," said Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick is a member of Phi Kappa Phi (national academic honor society) as well as a recipient of the Freshman Merit Scholarship. She also participates in the Irish Club, Environmental Action Committee and the Honors Student Association.



Fitzpatrick

FOCUS Calendar

Friday, May 6 - Monday, May 16

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

FRIDAY, MAY 6

2 p.m. Internship Mini Conference, sponsored by Counselor Education. Angell Center Warren Ballrooms.

8 p.m. Faculty Composers Concert, sponsored by Music Department. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

8 p.m. Speaker: Dr. Otto Wahl, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

2 p.m. TEAM End of Semester Gathering, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

2 p.m. Womens Studies Senior Seminar, sponsored by Women's Studies Department. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

4:30 p.m. Monthly Faculty Senate Meeting. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

10 p.m. SA Weekly Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

2 p.m. Education, Health & Human Services Awards Ceremony. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

3 p.m. Senior Reception, sponsored by Campus Life Office.

Angell College Center Flynt Commons.

5 p.m. Arts & Science Academic Achievement Award Ceremony, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

8 a.m. School of Business & Economics Breakfast. Angell Center Warren Ballrooms.

10 a.m. Commencement Ceremony for the School of Business and Economics and Education, Health and Human Services. Graduating seniors should be at the Field House at 9:15 a.m.

2 p.m. Commencement Ceremony for Arts and Science. Graduating seniors should be at the Field House at 1:15 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 16

7:30 a.m. Planning Day begins with a breakfast hosted by Nancy Dailey, vice president of institutional advancement, who will talk about the College's capital campaign. From 9 to 10 a.m., the president and vice presidents will give summary reports from their respective areas. From 10 a.m. to noon, there will be concurrent sessions on a variety of topics including instructional technology and pedagogy, the status of strategic planning initiatives and the status of teacher education accreditation efforts among others.

Van Safety Education Classes for May, June, July and August

MAY-AUGUST Van Safety Training Dates:

May 4/Wed: (11am-2pm) Infirmary Building
May 19/Thurs: (11am-2pm) Infirmary Building
May 19/Thurs: (1pm-4pm) Service Building
May 24/Tues: (1pm-4pm) Service Building

June 1/Wed: (11am-2pm) Infirmary Building
June 9/Thurs: (1pm-4pm) Service Building
June 28/Tues: (11am-2pm) Infirmary Building

July 12/Tues: (11am-2pm) Infirmary Building
July 27/Wed: (11am-2pm) Infirmary Building

Aug 3/Wed: (11am-2pm) Infirmary Building
Aug 9/Tues: (1pm-4pm) Service Building

NOTE: The May-August dates/times for the "Hands-On Van Training" driving classes are at the Angell College Center Help Desk in a purple folder. Request the folder to sign-up for the 1.5 hr. class or call 564-2121.

Employees interested in attending any of the 3-hour classroom instruction should contact Gina Doty at 564-5011.

All van drivers on campus must complete the 2-part Van Safety Training course prior to using a 15 passenger style van.

In addition to the Van Safety Program, all participants need to have authorization under the Driver's Safety Review and Authorization Policy, which includes the License Event Notification System (LENS). Applications are available from their department chairs or University Policy at 564-2022.

ODK Inductees

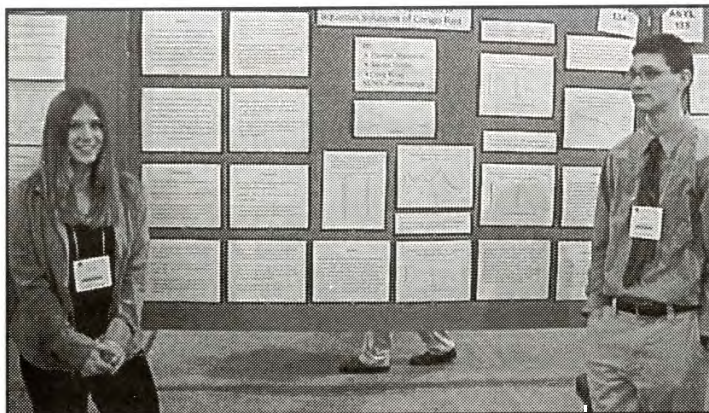
Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society, recently held its spring induction ceremony. The following students were inducted: Zeenat Afzal, from Pakistan; Amanda Brown, from Purdys, N.Y.; Lynn Bushey, from Saranac, N.Y.; Rebecca Carpentier, from Nassau, N.Y.; Alissa Cody, from Clifton Park, N.Y.; Stefanie Duquette, from Schenectady, N.Y.; Tamara El-Hassan, from Syracuse, N.Y.; Aileen Galazin, from Queens Village, N.Y.; Jennifer Gerard, from Mahopac, N.Y.; Jennifer Glaude, from Massena, N.Y.; D. Don Dasitha Gunaratne, from Exton, Pa.; Stephen Hall, from Ballston Spa, N.Y.; Kristen Hodovanec, from Clifton Park, N.Y.; Anita Khodra, from Plattsburgh; Kathryn Konstanty, from N. Tonawanda, N.Y.; Daniel McPhee, from Ballston Spa, N.Y.; Joseph Murphy, from Cambridge, N.Y.; Alicia Nelson, from Nassau, N.Y.; Janis Noble, from Hampton, N.Y.; Kelli Rabideau, from Plattsburgh; Terri Redmond, from Lyon Mountain, N.Y.; Amanda Rock, from Cadyville, N.Y.; Eric Rogers, from Clifton Park, N.Y.; Gena Rosenbaum, from Morrisonville, N.Y.; Erin Schmidt; from Holbrook, N.Y. Kimberley Sebastian, from Boston, Mass.; Hunter Sweet, from Lacona, N.Y.; Casey Vock, from Theresa, N.Y.; and Jaclyn Yonkers, from E. Greenbush, N.Y.

Phi Eta Sigma Inductees

Phi Eta Sigma, the freshmen honor society, recently held its spring induction ceremony. The following students were inducted: Robert Abel; Sarah Abidin; Angel Acosta; Joia Aliperti; Luke Babbie; Amanda Belden; Robert Bever; Kareemot Braimoh; Jonathan Buhs; Evan Bullard; Ibeabuchi Chukwuma; Amanda Conti; Cristin Craft; Tasha Cushman; Anh Dang; Frank Debrah; Jessica Engel; Rebekah Facticeau; Omodolapo Familusi; Sefezy Fandini; Michael Feldman; Humberto Frances; Rose Francois; Christ Gebhardt; Robert Geroux; Amber Golden; Ryan Goodnough; Andrew Goodrich; Kaley Gray; Jessica Holmes; Joshua Hough; Chad Johnston; Kailey Kivett; Kerry Kivett; Matej Kollar; Matthew Kraft; Kerry Krychear; Danielle Kudlacik; Atsumi Kurihara; Anber Lachapelle; Kiley LaFave; Jason Leach; Joseph Leavens; Jacklyn Leitze; Meredith Mooney; Krstoffor Moraleja; Jon Mortelette; Lauren Nescio; Jill Olson; Ryan Perry; Lomy Prinston; Bobbie Recore; William Rock; Colleen Root; Sara Rowe; Wataru Saito; Schuyler Semlear; Ashley Shaw; Carolyn Sime; Alicia Spencer; Kimberly Sprague; Ruxandra Staicut; Samantha Sweger; Hisae Takada; Sarah Terry; Shannon Thayer; Ana Thomas; Kristen Valent; Zachary Warner; Allison Watson; Alexandra Wyatt; and Keri Zielinski.

Chemistry Students Give Presentation in San Diego

Alesha Shafer, a senior from Mahopac, N.Y., and Thomas Sladewski, a junior from Madrid, N.Y., presented their chemistry project poster, "Ionic Strength Effects on the Ultraviolet Visible Spectrum of Congo Red" at the American Chemical Society's 229th National Meeting and Exposition in March in San Diego, Calif. The faculty research supervisor for this project was Dr. Craig Hoag, assistant professor of chemistry. The student's participation in the exposition was made possible through a CAS grant.



Spotlight on faculty and staff

Dr. Deborah Altamirano, associate professor of anthropology, presented a paper, "Repatriating Women: Reconciling Gender, State, and Self in Post-Dictatorship Chile" on April 10th at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, in Santa Fe, N.M.

Educational Opportunity Program staff members, **Marlene Fields**, **Robert Harsh** and **Kyla Relaford** presented at the Eighth Biennial Tri State Consortium, March 20-22 in Philadelphia, Pa. The workshop, "The Right Start to a Successful Finish - A Freshman Year Model," focused on the components of the first-year program offered by EOP to incoming program students, which include a comprehensive, academically-focused summer program; Freshman Seminar required for all incoming students; a peer mentoring program; peer tutoring specializing in classes most frequently taken by first-year students; and various group

experiences based on specific student needs. The conference primarily draws professionals and students from EOP and EOP-type programs in the Tri-State New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania region.

Debra Kimok, Special Collections/Reference Librarian, has received three grants and one scholarship to attend the Modern Archives Institute (MAI) in Washington, D.C. this summer. The National Archives and Records Administration and the Library of Congress cooperatively present the two-week program, which covers a wide range of archival topics, including acquisition, appraisal, preservation, reference, access, and public programs. She has been awarded the Society of American Archivists Colonial Dames of America Scholarship, specifically designated for one modern archives attendee each winter and summer. She also received grants from the State University of New York Librarians Association, the Northern New York Library Network and the Plattsburgh State Professional Development Individual Award Program.

Dr. James M. Lindgren, professor of history, is the author of the essay, "'The Survival of Truly Medieval Mannerisms in Construction and Detail:' Cultural Politics and New England Antiquities in the Early

Twentieth Century," which appears in the anthology, *From William Morris: Building Conservation and the Arts and Crafts Cult of Authenticity, 1877-1939*, edited by Chris Miele. Published under the auspices of The Paul Mellon Centre in London by Yale University Press, the anthology is volume number ten in Mellon's Studies in British Art.

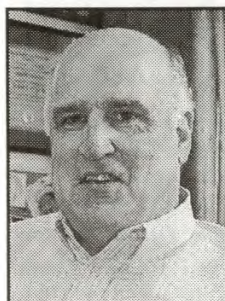
Several members of the math department traveled to the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) Seaway Section spring meeting in April at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. **Dr. Sam Northshield** continued as program organizer for the Seaway Section of the MAA and presented a talk, "On Newton's Law of Cooling." **David Kenoyer** presented a talk, "Connecting High School and Undergraduate Mathematics."



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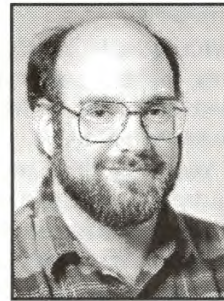
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Commencement Features Two Ceremonies May 14

More than 900 students at SUNY Plattsburgh are eligible to participate in the two Spring Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 14 at the Field House.

The first ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. for students majoring in programs within the Division of Education, Health and Human Services and the School of Business and Economics. The second ceremony will commence at 2 p.m. for students in the Division of Arts and Science.

The student speaker for the 10 a.m. ceremony will be Marvelle Roberts. A recently honored Chancellor's Award winner, Roberts is a senior mathematics major and business minor from Dominica. She is the recipient of the Presidential Scholarship, the Semmler Math Endowment Scholarship, the Mathematics Scholar Award and the Mathematics Distinguished Academic Service Award. She was also a finalist in the New York State Forensics Championship for oral interpretation of poetry. She has served as a resident assistant and an orientation leader.

The second ceremony at 2 p.m. will feature Victoria Lu and Baier Rakowski speaking in a duet format.

Lu, a mathematic major and studio art minor from Taipei, Taiwan, has been an active member of the

Plattsburgh State community. She is a member of Phi Eta Sigma (freshman honor society), Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership honor society), and has served as co-president of the Honors Student Association. She was awarded the Redcay Honors Scholarship and the Semmler Math Endowment Scholarship.

Joining Lu at the podium will be Rakowski, a biochemistry major from West Hampton Beach, N.Y. He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership honor society) and Phi Kappa Phi (national academic honor society). Rakowski is a member of the Chemistry Club and has participated in undergraduate research in synthetic organic chemistry since his freshman year. He has also served as a teacher's assistant for honors seminars and chemistry courses.

During the ceremonies, C. Thomas "Chip" Cummings, a 1956 alumnus, will be honored with the Distinguished Service Award, which is presented by the College Council.

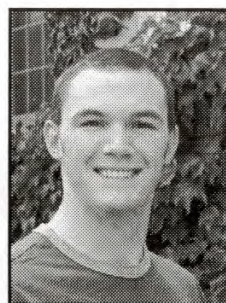
Inducted into the Cardinal Sports Hall of Fame in 1988, Cummings has supported the athletic program at



Roberts



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Rakowski

SUNY Plattsburgh through his generous philanthropy to the Plattsburgh College Foundation. Since 1977, he has served as an active member of the Board of Directors of the Plattsburgh Alumni Association and is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Cardinal Booster Club.

Also honored during the ceremonies will be Robert and Jane (Serencsics) Stagno, 1981 alumni. The couple will be presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Rob is currently the general manager for relationship marketing at Microsoft in Redmond, Wash.,

David Levy will receive the honorary Doctor of Science degree during commencement. Levy is one of the most successful comet discoverers in history. He is currently involved with the Jarnac Comet Survey, which is based at the Jarnac Observatory in Vail, Ariz.

Luncheon Honors Long-Time Employees

The Annual Longevity Luncheon, which was held April 25 in the Angell College Center, celebrated those individuals who have served the College for many years.

Those with 35 years of service included: Judith Dashnaw, secretary in psychology; Dr. Douglas Graham, professor of physics; William Laundry, interim vice president of student affairs; Dr. John Lewis, professor of physics; Richard Mikkelsen, distinguished teaching professor of art; Dr. John Moravek, associate professor of geography; and Dr. Craig Sample, associate professor of foreign languages and literature.

Those with 30 years of service included: Mark Bushey, cleaner; James Haley, labor supervisor; Dr. Thomas Morrissey, distinguished teaching professor of English and Carol Tubbs, building service aide.

Those with 25 years of service included: Charles Atkinson, Sodexho Campus Services; Connie Ayotte, supervising janitor; Bette Brohel, senior academic advisor; Scott Johnson, director of Angell College Center; Dr. Daphne Kutzer, distinguished teaching professor of English; Cheryl LaFountain, library clerk; Dr. Harvey Schantz, professor of



political science; Josephine Smith, housekeeper; Donna Turner, lecturer; and Mary Lou Weightman, janitor.

"I know the College community joins me in congratulating and thanking these individuals for all they have done for SUNY Plattsburgh," said President John Ettling. "They're loyalty and dedication to the College is inspiring and their service is truly appreciated."

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Freshmen Applications Surpass Goal

Great news for SUNY Plattsburgh -- the number of freshmen who have chosen to enroll in the fall is up substantially and has exceeded the College's goals.

"Current freshman deposits are strong at 1,078. This is great news for SUNY Plattsburgh," said Rich Higgins, director of admissions and associate vice president of enrollment management.

Total deposits for incoming freshmen are up by nearly 20 percent over last year and have surpassed the goal of 925. The application pool is so strong that the College closed admission for new freshmen as of June 9.

"Due to the high demand, we are

starting to turn away freshman applications as well as those deposits that are late -- beyond announced deadlines," said Higgins.

President John Ettling said that he is pleased with the strong fall enrollment.

"The fall is looking great as far as our incoming freshman class," said Ettling. "The Admissions Office should be proud of the hard work they've done during the past year bringing in this strong class of freshmen. It has been a College-wide effort, and everyone should feel good about what we have accomplished in terms of our incoming freshmen class."



Spring Open House in April saw a record number of visiting students and their families.

Luguri, McClellan to Direct First-Year Programs, Retention Efforts

Peter Luguri '73 G'80 has been appointed director of first-year programs and retention efforts at SUNY Plattsburgh. He will also retain his title of assistant vice president for student affairs.

In this new role, Luguri will be responsible for ensuring that the College's efforts for first-year programs and retention are characterized by collaboration, cooperation and communication. He will chair the new First-Year Council, as well as the Academic Support Services Council, and will be responsible for the Whiteface Initiative for Student Engagement (WISE), among other projects.

"I'm excited about my new role, which will consist of many new challenges," said Luguri, who holds two degrees from SUNY Plattsburgh and previously served 17 years as the College's athletic director.

Luguri will be reporting jointly to Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and William Laundry, interim vice president for student affairs, for these new responsibilities.

Kathy McClellan, currently the director of lifelong



Luguri



McClellan

learning, will work with Luguri for the coming year as the associate director of first-year programs and retention.

"I very much look forward to working with Peter and Kathy on our first-year programs, retention efforts, and working to improve the quality of undergraduate life at SUNY Plattsburgh," said President John Ettling.

During the past academic year, Luguri led a college-wide task force that examined the quality of undergraduate life at SUNY Plattsburgh.

"The College formed the task force not because we believed the quality of undergraduate life was in a state of crisis. Indeed, there are several areas where we clearly outperform most of our SUNY and national comparators on opinion surveys or other assessments," said Golden. "There is always room for improvement."

"As we move to implement a new strategic plan and to strengthen student recruitment, it is appropriate that we ensure that the campus as a whole is poised to move for-

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Let's Go Fishing

There are many ways prospective students get hooked on a specific college. For students interested in fly-fishing, SUNY Plattsburgh may have just the bait.

Fly Rod & Reel Magazine has named Plattsburgh State one of the top 10 fly-fishing colleges in the United States.

The article, appearing in the July/October 2005 issue, chose 10 colleges and universities from across North America that possess excellent fly-fishing opportunities near campus. In addition to SUNY Plattsburgh, the other nine institutions included Montana State University, Cape Cod Community College, Pennsylvania State University, Dartmouth College, SUNY Oswego, University of Maine-Farmington, Western State College of Colorado, Lyndon State College in Vermont and Florida International University.

"Part of what makes SUNY Plattsburgh distinct is its location," said President John Ettling. "With Lake Champlain and the beautiful Adirondacks surrounding us, we can offer students not only a top notch educational experience in the classroom, but also exciting adventures, including an occasional fly-fishing trip, very close to campus."

In its description of SUNY Plattsburgh, the article stated, "Fairly reasonable tuition here, so what you save could be applied to a small bass boat to cruise around Lake Champlain. Also, some of the better Adirondack water is near at hand, including the AuSable and the Bouquet."

The July/October 2005 issue of *Fly Rod & Reel* is currently available on newsstands.

A Shining Example

To call Dr. Richard Semmler philanthropically minded is a bit of an understatement. A 1968 alumnus of Plattsburgh State, Semmler has made national news as the subject of a recent *Washington Post* front-page article written by Jacqueline Salmon about his charitable contributions.

Semmler teaches mathematics at Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) and works several part-time jobs to reach his goal of donating \$1 million before he retires. The *Washington Post* article, which appeared in the June 11 edition, reported that he is nearing \$770,000 on his way to that goal.

The article also stated that Semmler has donated as much as half of his annual income or more to charity. He has provided support for Habitat for Humanity, NVCC and a Washington, D.C. shelter and soup kitchen among others. He has also been a major supporter of his alma mater, contributing \$200,000 to SUNY Plattsburgh so far.

"Plattsburgh has been a beneficiary of Dr. Semmler's philanthropy since his graduation in 1968. It is gratifying to see his philanthropic activities recognized and praised in an internationally read newspaper such as the *Washington Post*," said President John Ettling.

Nancy Dailey, vice president for institutional advancement, said, "We are thrilled and proud of Richard. When it comes to Plattsburgh State alumni, Dr. Semmler represents the best. All of us at SUNY Plattsburgh congratulate him on a life well-lived."



The *Bright with Promise* Campaign, SUNY Plattsburgh's first-ever comprehensive capital campaign, officially kicked off on campus during a breakfast on May 16 hosted by Nancy Dailey, vice president for institutional advancement. More than 250 faculty and staff members were treated to a presentation describing the campaign and its goals. Dailey also introduced the college campaign committee comprised of faculty and staff from across campus. A few members of the committee took some time to talk about the importance of the campaign for vitality of the College's future. "It was a great kick off," said Dailey. "I felt the excitement about the campaign and what we are trying to accomplish as a campus community. With our faculty and staff behind the Foundation's efforts, we are truly bright with promise."

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ward together," Golden said.

The Task Force on the Study of the Quality of Undergraduate Life at SUNY Plattsburgh was comprised of administrators, faculty, staff and students who reviewed existing data and conducted campus-wide open forums.

The members of the task force studied many areas of student life including retention, graduation rates, student academic support services and the overall campus climate.

"I look forward to working on projects that will improve the quality of life of our students and implement specific recommendations of the task force," said Luguri.

Luguri will be responsible for implementing several ini-

tiatives on retention including the WISE project and the relocation of academic support services to improve the quality of services and student access.

Beginning in the fall, 240 freshmen will be housed in Whiteface Residence Hall and will participate in the WISE project.

The project includes specially selected and trained residence hall staff, peer and faculty mentoring, special programming and academic advising.

"Several colleges and universities have a program like WISE in place," said Luguri. "This will be a new approach for us, and we feel that we have all the ingredients for it to be successful. Our goal is to make the first college year experience for our students even better."

Communication Studies Program Gets an Upgrade

A timely call from alumnus Michael Cohen '92 has put the summer's upgrade of the communication studios into high gear. Cohen, a master control operator for Court-TV, thought of his alma mater when the network updated its own equipment.

Thanks to this recent donation of more than \$100,000 worth of equipment by Court-TV, the Communication Studies Program is getting closer to its goal of complete digitization of its television and audio studios by the start of the fall semester.

Lee Tenebruso, vice president of corporate affairs and education at Court-TV, said that the organization was delighted to provide the equipment to SUNY Plattsburgh.

"Supporting the educational community is very important to Court-TV," said Tenebruso. "We were happy to help SUNY Plattsburgh. It is our hope that this equipment will enrich the learning experience in the Communication Studies Program. We want to ensure that students are working with state-of-the-art tools that will give them confidence in their future careers."

According to Peter Ensel '80, associate professor and chair of communication studies, Court-TV was in the process of redoing all of its studios even though its present equipment was already up-to-date.

"This is all very usable, modern equipment," said Ensel.

The donated equipment included eight Stantron equipment racks, two Grass Valley Group (GVG)-200 video switchers, one Chyron Infinit character generator, 32 Ikegami black and white monitors, five Panasonic color monitors and one Wheatstone SP6 audio mixer.

This donation came at exactly the right time. The



Some of the equipment donated by Court-TV.

Communications Studies Program recently purchased equipment that will completely digitize both the television and audio studios.

Ensel said, "Along with what we have already purchased, this donation by Court-TV will help us not only in updating our technology, but it will also help us to expand our program offerings and provide more opportunities for our students."

According to Ensel, the upgrade is vital to the continued success of the program.

"The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established a deadline whereby all television broadcast facilities should move to the digital format. We had to upgrade before the deadline," Ensel explained. "The technology in the field of broadcasting is rapidly changing, and this upgrade will do a lot for our students. They will be using the most up-to-date tools in the industry, which will enhance both their educational and practical experience. We cannot wait to have everything ready for our students to use in the fall."

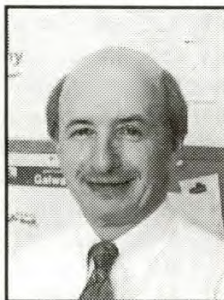
Spotlight on faculty and staff

Dr. Charles Herod, professor emeritus of minority studies, wrote the article, "Afro-Americans: A Historic Nation in the United States," which appeared in *Canadian Review of Studies in Nationalism*.

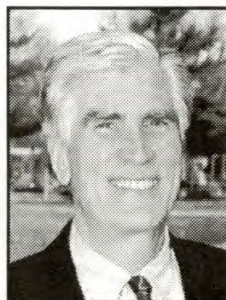
Howard Lowe, director of eco-



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nomics development at the Technical Assistance Center, has had his article, "The History of Public Broadcasting in New York State," published in the new *Encyclopedia of New York State* (Syracuse University Press).

Dr. E. Thomas Moran, director of the Institute for Ethics in Public Life and SUNY distinguished service professor, was invited to give The University Lecture at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas in April. The title of the talk was "What Democracy Demands: Conformity, Dissent, and Responsibility."

He was also invited to give the Chaffey College Lecture titled, "The Paradox of Democracy and the Need for Civic Responsibility." This lecture was given at Chaffey College in Ontario, Calif., on March 30.

Sororities Receive Five-Star Recognition

As a reward for the dedication and positive work on and off campus, **Alpha Phi** and **Delta Phi Epsilon** (D-Phi-E) have been named the first five-star sororities at SUNY Plattsburgh.

The Chapter Accreditation Program was created in 2001 as a means of motivating fraternities and sororities to improve their activities and performance.

According to Allison Swick-Duttine, coordinator of Greek Affairs and Leadership Development, achieving five-star status is both challenging and rewarding.

"Achieving five-star chapter status is an outstanding achievement," said Swick-Duttine. "Groups that achieve this status are exemplary organization that effectively demonstrate the core principles of friendship, scholarships, leadership and service through their actions, programming and organizational management."

New Faces for Student Activities and Residence Life

Trisha Ann Gresnick has been named the new assistant director of student activities, and Michael Baumgardner has been hired to serve as the new assistant director of residence life.

When Gresnick starts in her new position on July 18, she will be responsible for planning campus-wide programs that increase faculty-student interaction, weekend night programming and off-campus excursions. She will also serve as advisor to the Student Association's Activities Coordination Board and provide guidance and support for multi-cultural programming.

"I was drawn to the assistant director of student activities position because of the variety of opportunities it encompasses," said Gresnick.

Gresnick comes to SUNY Plattsburgh from the University of Kansas where she worked as the program advisor for the Student Union. Originally from Baldwin City, Kan., she received her undergraduate degree in communication in 2001 and a master's degree in counseling education and student personnel in 2004 from Emporia State University.

Gresnick said she was attracted to SUNY Plattsburgh because of its size and what others who work here had to say about the College.

"SUNY Plattsburgh has the options of a larger institutions, but it also has that comfortable feeling that you can get on a small campus," she said. "After I visited the campus,



Gresnick



Baumgardner

my interest was heightened because everyone was very inviting and encouraging, and I really felt a sense of community from people who truly believe in the importance of student development."

As part of his duties, Baumgardner will be responsible for helping with retention efforts at SUNY Plattsburgh, particularly in the new Whiteface Initiative for Students Engagements (WISE) Project.

Baumgardner, who will begin his new position on July 1, said he was looking forward to starting his work as assistant director of residence life.

"I will be working with the resident assistants and mentors to ensure that new students are able to make early connections to SUNY Plattsburgh," said Baumgardner. "We want these students to develop both personally and academically, and we want them to feel comfortable and at home here."

Baumgardner comes to SUNY Plattsburgh from Castleton State College in Vermont where he served as area coordinator and managed three residence halls. Originally from Albany, N.Y., he received his undergraduate degree in sociology from Middlebury College in 2000 and a master's degree in higher education from Columbia University in 2003.

"In addition to the type of job that I will be required to do, I wanted to come to Plattsburgh because I have always loved upstate New York and Vermont," he said. "This is really a beautiful area to live and work."

College Hosts Summer Orientation June 24 to July 25

Students and their families from all over New York, other states and Canada will make their way to Plattsburgh this summer when the College hosts its Summer Orientation Program 2005.

Families and students come to campus for three-day orientation visits during the one-month period from Friday, June 24 to Monday, July 25. The theme of this year's orientation is "Welcome to the Big Leagues."

According to Stephen Matthews '90 G'94, assistant vice president for student affairs, the program exists to prepare pre-freshmen and transfer students and their families for the transition to SUNY Plattsburgh.

"We want the students to feel excited about coming to this college, and we want their parents to take comfort in the fact that their sons and daughters are coming to the right college," said Matthews. "Orientation is really the first in-depth opportunity to prepare students for the way things work at this college. Our job is to ensure that when these students return during opening weekend, they are confident they will succeed here."

Orientation is supported by a staff of students made up of two coordinators and 13 orientation leaders.

"The staff selection process allows us to select superior students," said Matthews. "Most of them are leaders in campus organizations and they have excellent academic standing. We provide in-depth training so that our student staff



The 2005 Orientation Team.

is able to answer questions that students and their parents have, and they are also able to handle issues that may arise during the course of the program."

There are a variety of events and activities planned for students and their families during orientation. Some of these include: informational sessions on academic advising, financial aid and Greek life; English and foreign language placement exams; skits by orientation leaders; and a pizza party.

"The program is exhilarating, hectic and fun," said Matthews.

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Grant Money Up From Last Year

Grant funding is perhaps one of the most vital pieces of the budgetary puzzle for colleges and universities. Funding from the public sector - local, state or federal agencies - and funding from the private sector - foundations, individuals or non-profit agencies - sponsors specific programs and research projects that make a discernable impact on the institution, its students and the wider community.

SUNY Plattsburgh is doing very well in securing grant funding for many projects at the College. This past fiscal year (July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005), the College received a record amount of grant funding. Total com-

mitted funds rose to more than \$5.5 million. That's an 18 percent increase over the prior record set just two years ago.

A total of 195 grant proposals were submitted during the last fiscal year and out of those, 128 were funded. There are also 30 proposals still pending.

"SUNY Plattsburgh is highly competitive nationally. Our funding rate is very, very good," said Dr. Susan Spissinger, associate vice president for academic affairs and research. "Our faculty and staff work very hard on grant proposals. They are thoughtful and do the best jobs that they can do. Our job

in Sponsored Research is to make sure everything is in order and to facilitate the process in the most creative and supportive ways possible."

When compared to the other SUNY comprehensive colleges, SUNY Plattsburgh comes in fifth, behind Buffalo, Brockport, Oneonta and Potsdam.

Grant funding is important on many levels. On the College level, funds are limited for program development and research. Outside funding enables faculty and staff to do those kinds of activities. Funding also helps

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Bruce Delventhal Named Athletic Director

SUNY Plattsburgh welcomes Bruce Delventhal as the new director of athletics.

Delventhal, from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., began in his new position on July 20.

"I've met so many nice people who have been helpful, hospitable and accommodating here at SUNY Plattsburgh and in the community," said Delventhal. "One of my goals is to make the coaches, and therefore the students, feel comfortable and positive about what's happening in the athletic department. It's also a high priority to make the faculty and staff know that they have someone to easily communicate with and respect who has the mission of the College first and foremost in mind when making decisions."

Delventhal is currently the secretary and treasurer of the American Hockey Coaches Association and has served in that position since 1988. In this role, he supervises all association activities including creating and implementing budgets, developing convention agendas and generating sponsors.

Delventhal has also served as a hockey coach and assistant coach. From 1988 to 1996, he served as head hockey



Delventhal

coach for Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. While at Union College, Delventhal transformed the Division III hockey program into a respected Division I program. He was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and was a finalist for National Coach of the Year honors.

He also served as head hockey coach at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) from 1984 to 1988. The 1984-85 season saw RIT win the Division III National Championship.

Prior to that, Delventhal was the assistant hockey coach at Princeton University in New Jersey.

"On behalf of SUNY Plattsburgh, I'd like to welcome Mr. Delventhal as the new athletic director," said Dr. John Ettling, president of Plattsburgh State. "I would also like to thank the members of the search committee for their hard work and service to the College."

Delventhal received his bachelor's in sociology and religion from Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. He received his master's of divinity from Princeton Seminary in Princeton, N.J.

Christopher Waterbury, head men's soccer coach at Plattsburgh State, has been filling the role of interim athletic director since Dr. Roy Patton stepped down last December. Waterbury will continue as head men's coach.

Walsh Named Registrar, Director of Transfer Affairs

Michael Walsh '76 G'87, previously the director of transfer admissions, has been named registrar and director of transfer affairs, effective July 1. Walsh transferred to the Registrar's Office from the Admissions Office.

Walsh first came to SUNY Plattsburgh in 1978 as an admissions counselor. The next year, he became a transfer counselor. Then Walsh moved into the associate director of admissions position until he was named director of transfer admissions.



Walsh

"It's a good match for me professionally," said Walsh about his new position. "One thing that attracted me to the position was all the good people who work in the Registrar's Office. I wouldn't have come here if it weren't for the people. Bob Golden has also been very supportive through this process."

Dr. Raymond Domenico, who has been filling the role of interim Registrar, will return to his faculty position as professor of communication disorders and sciences, effective prior to the beginning of the academic year.

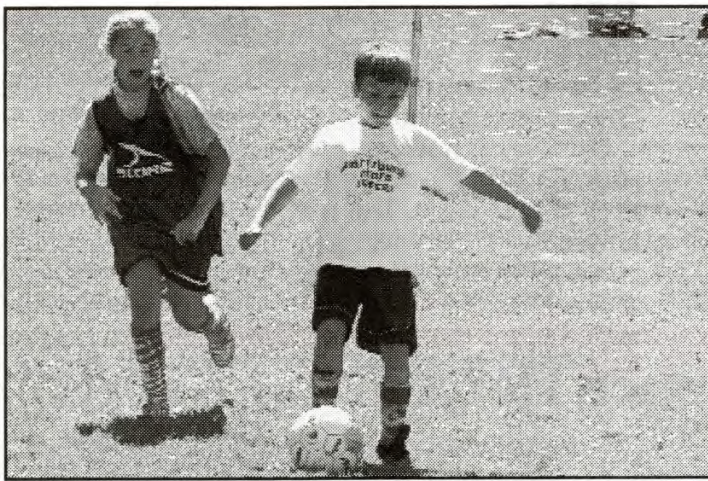
"I'd like to thank Ray for his help during the transition period in the Registrar's Office," said Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. "In combining the Registrar with Transfer Affairs, we are recognizing the importance of transfer issues to the vitality of this institution. Mike has made a model of Plattsburgh in the SUNY system in transfer admissions."

With this position, Walsh will fulfill the traditional duties of the registrar while also working on transfer functions such as articulation agreements and transfer course equivalency tables.

"One of my goals is to create a place where faculty members can send students who have transfer issues," said Walsh. "I've always like working with the transfer students. This is a good move for me."



Participants in this year's Sea Kayaking Institute's "Bring Your Own Boat" Clinics had a beautiful day to learn sea kayaking techniques. Clinics included an intro clinic; rescue and recover; forward stroke; and hand rolling. The institute also included a four-day sea kayaking course, demo day where individuals could try out sea kayaks and have any questions answered and the the fourth Round-the-Island Race.



As part of its summer programming, Plattsburgh State offered a series of sports camps for kids including boys' and girls' basketball, hockey, track and field, soccer (above), volleyball and strength and conditioning. Summer Safari, which has been combining learning and hands-on fun for kids for the past 20 years, also had a great slate of summer enrichment programs for children of all ages.

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to develop programs that reach out to benefit the community.

"We're fortunate to have talent, expertise and interest on the part of our faculty and staff to engage in programming that serves the broader community," said Spissinger.

The Northeastern New York Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Center, the Traumatic Brain Injury Center, Upward Bound, the Technical Assistance Center and the Lake Champlain Research Institute are just a handful of the many centers, programs and research projects funded through grants.

Important work is carried out every day by the faculty,

staff and students at SUNY Plattsburgh that wouldn't be possible without external funding.

"Without this funding, we would not be able to provide our case management services, day care services and some of the diagnostic services as well," said Dr. Taher Zandi, distinguished service professor of psychology and director of the center. "The direct beneficiaries of these funds are the patients and the family members."

"I have the best job in the world," said Spissinger. "Every day I get to learn about new fields and trends faculty members have to explain and write about the work they are doing. There are so many things going on - it's really exciting."

Memorial Golf Tourney Aug. 17

SUNY Plattsburgh faculty and staff are invited to play in the Mark Rabin Memorial Golf Tournament, formerly the annual SBE Golf Tournament.

The tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 17, at the Westport Country Club beginning with a shotgun start at 12 noon. All proceeds from the tournament will go to the Plattsburgh College Foundation.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$49.99, which covers the green fees, golf cart rental, buffet dinner and prizes.

The tournament will feature a four-person scramble best ball format.

You can put your own team together or organizers will place you on a team.

There will also be a putting contest from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. It's only \$2 to enter, and the top male and female putter wins a custom-made Adirondack putter.

The buffet dinner and award presentation will begin at 6 p.m. Every person on every team will win individual prizes, and there will also be special prizes for the male and female rookies of the year, longest drive, shortest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin.

No golfing experience necessary. There will also be an opportunity to buy mulligan tickets and 50/50 raffle tickets.

For more information or to sign up, contact Dr. Nancy Church at 564-4169 or email her at churchnj@plattsburgh.edu

College Council Meeting and Retreat Aug. 11, 12

The College Council will be holding its annual retreat in conjunction with its next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, Aug. 11 at 1 p.m. at the Valcour Educational Conference Center. During the meeting and retreat, members will listen to a presentation by President John Ettling and reports of the Task Force on the Study of Undergraduate Life, the student judicial process, the capital campaign and the physical facility improvements. The meeting and retreat are open to the public.

Spotlight on faculty and staff

A number of faculty and students from the Anthropology Department participated in the recent Northeastern Anthropological Association Annual Meetings held in Lake Placid, N.Y. **Dr. James Armstrong**, professor of anthropology and Asian studies and chair of anthropology, **Dr. Deborah Altamirano**, associate professor of anthropology and Latin American

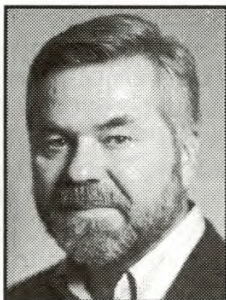
studies, and **Dr. Amy Mountcastle**, associate professor of anthropology and Asian studies, were members of the organizing committee for the meetings cosponsored by SUNY Plattsburgh, SUNY Potsdam, Clarkson University and North Country Community College. Armstrong organized the plenary session, "Globalization, Anthropology and Anthropologists: A Discussion," in which **Dr. Richard Robbins**, distinguished teaching professor of anthropology, and **Dr. Mark Cohen**, distinguished professor (anthropology), participated. Plattsburgh State anthropology majors made several presentations. Graduating senior Henrietta Genfi presented a paper "Understanding a Non-traditional Ghananaian Wedding," Kirby Keeton,

also a graduating senior, presented "What Western Progressives Have Learned and Have to Learn from Tibetans in Exile," and graduating senior Yuto Machida presented his work "Experiencing U.S. Culture: Cultural Modification and Japanese International Students." Tony Mikulka, also a graduating senior, prepared a poster, "H.O.P.E. Community Resources in Nuiqsut, Alaska," displayed at the conference. Chris Hurwitz presented his work, "The Security Religion and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict" co-authored with Armstrong.

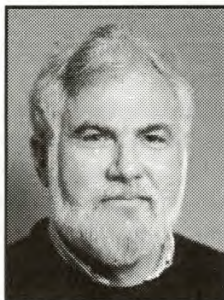
Dr. Shakuntala Rao, associate professor of communication, was a special guest on Vermont Public Radio's show "Switchboard" on Thursday, July 14.



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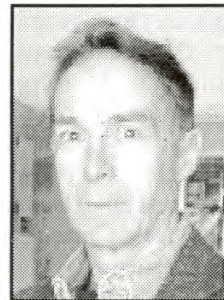
Cohen



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Human Resource Services Staff Visits Miner for Retreat

The staff of Human Resource Services takes a day every year to go and do something as a group. This year they traveled to Chazy for a day at the William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute.

"It's a great opportunity to bond, to thank the staff for the hard work they do during the year and to solidify relationships," said Lawrence Mills, executive director of Human Resource Services. "I thought this year was great -- it the best one we've done."

The staff at Miner Institute arranged a comprehensive tour for the staff in late June, including an overview of the institute by Miner Institute President Rick Grant, a heritage exhibit and wayside walk, an overview of the educational facilities (classrooms, labs and dorms) and visits to the equine and dairy barns.

The group was also taken to the dam at Flatrock and served lunch in a rustic cabin.

"The staff at Miner Institute was enthusiastically gracious, generous and went to extremes to enhance our experience," said Mills. "The people at Miner couldn't have been nicer."

Last summer, the staff spent a day at the Lake Champlain Research Institute, including a ride on the research vessel, "Monitor." Other past retreats have been spent at Paul Smith's College (that included a canoeing adventure on Lower St. Regis Lake), University of Vermont, McGill University and the North Country on the Job Network at CVPH Medical Center.

"These retreats allow us to be more solid as a group," said Mills. "This is something I wish more offices on campus would do."



Members of the Human Resource Services staff spent a day retreating at the Miner Institute in Chazy, N.Y. Above, l-r: Rebecca Sleggs, student employee; Suzanne Bezio, secretarial support; Sarah Reyell, health benefits administrator; Michael Thompson, Human Resource associate; Cynthia Fregeau, administrative support; Susan Welch, assistant director of Human Resource Services; Joan Kornecki, receptionist; and Lawrence Mills, executive director of Human Resource Services.

Michael Thompson, Human Resource associate, said that the tour of Miner Institute was exciting.

"It was very interesting -- we got to see all the different parts -- the dorms, academic facilities and farm," said Thompson. "I'm a city kid -- it's always interesting to see the agricultural side of things, especially since it's a big part of this area."

Josef Quirinale Named Sodexho General Manager

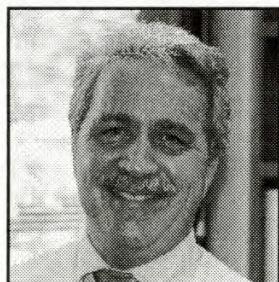
Josef Quirinale has been named the general manager for Sodexho Campus Services at SUNY Plattsburgh. Even though he won't officially start until Monday, Aug. 15, he has already become involved on campus.

Quirinale, who replaces Patrick Spellman as general manager, comes to Plattsburgh from the University of Vermont where he was the director of auxiliary services and marketing for Sodexho. He has been at UVM for the past six years. Prior to that, Quirinale was the food service director at the Middlebury Inn in Vermont. Before moving to Vermont, he was the hospitality director of a living history village in Ohio.

"I have a pretty unusual and varied background," said Quirinale, who lives in Swanton, Vt. with his wife, Pamela. They have two sons, 20-year-old Michelangelo who is a student at the Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mass., and Dante who will be 16 next month and is a student in the academically-talented program at UVM.

Quirinale said that he has enjoyed meeting people on campus.

"Everybody I've met has been welcoming and friendly," he said. "I'm impressed with the Sodexho staff, with



Quirinale

their dedication. It's a great group of people. I've couldn't be more pleased with how they've received me."

As the new general manager, Quirinale has several overarching goals.

"Food has to be our focus," he said.

One of the ideas he is interested in implementing here at Plattsburgh is more "just in time" cooking. That's when the food is prepared moments before it is eaten; not made in bulk in advance.

"You make enough of the ingredients and have them ready so you continue to make the food as it is needed," said Quirinale. "What the students see and eat is fresh."

Quality is another important issue for Quirinale.

"I strongly feel that if you yourself would not eat the food, do not serve it. It should be appealing to you," he said.

His third priority is customer service. Sodexho employees will be engaged in the company's "The Circle of Customer Excellence" Program. The training includes three modules, one of which will be given prior to the beginning of the fall semester.

"The purpose of this program is to train employees on how to give the customer the focus they deserve," said Quirinale. "Another focus is that I want faculty, staff and students to feel comfortable to let us know about their special needs. This is important. Our job is to feed our customers and to know exactly what they want."